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THIS enchanting creature is Bluebelle, the miniature Mediterranean donkey.

She has just been born at East Fleet Farm Touring Park near Chickerell.

Owner Ali Stamper (pictured) said very few examples of the breed exist in this country.

She added: "Bluebelle is absolutely adorable and we have all fallen in love with her.

"Her breed is renowned for being very friendly and very good with children so she is bound to get lots of visitors."

Bluebelle's mother, Milly, who is also enjoying all the attention, lives in a paddock with her star attraction foal near a 200-year-old barn.

Ali said: "Bluebelle is only three weeks old but she already has an army of friends. She can look forward to a full life here with us."

£35 million water scheme for borough

by Harry Walton

WESSEX Water today unveiled a £35 million five-year improvement programme for Weymouth and Portland.

Schemes will cover everything from water mains to some of the 453 kilometres of sewer in the Weymouth area.

Wessex added that all major early 2012 work will be completed well ahead of sailing events being staged for the Olympic Games.

Among schemes in the five-year plan is a new 2,000-metre water main between Sutton Poyntz and Osmington while another scheme will see a water main built in Turnstone Close, Littlemoor, towards the end of 2010.

Wessex Water chairman Colin Skellett said: "Our aim with this £35 million programme is to replace corroded Victorian water mains.

"We will also be investigating sewers in the Weymouth and Portland area to identify which ones need to be renovated as well as others which might have minor problems.

"Traditionally such sewer work could be noisy but we will be minimising the impact on local communities by using state of the art equipment which is quieter than a domestic vacumn cleaner. In fact, it is the quietest equipment of its type in the world."

He added that digging would be kept to a minimum and that existing water mains and sewer routes would be relined.

Mr Skellett said: "Traffic will be affected but delays will be minimised through liaison with Weymouth and Portland council to deal with traffic issues."

Some sewer work will take place between 6-10pm to avoid disrupting traffic or disturbing people's sleep, he said.

Mr Skellett added that without such work there would be more water main bursts and poorer water quality whereas, once the new systems were complete, quality water would be provided for the Weymouth area for 100 years ahead.

WESSEX water chairman Colin Skellett

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

KIMBERLY Clarke first moved to Lyme Regis in 1996, after emigrating from Canada to the UK in 1985.

She usually works in international development research communications, meeting people from all over the world. Kimberly moved back to Lyme a year ago after five years in Nicaragua.

A former trustee of the Lyme Regis Development Trust, Kimberly took on organising the Fossil Festival in January and is looking forward to having an entire year to organise the next one.

■ WHY do you think there is still so much interest in fossils and Dinosaurs?
There is something irresistible about holding in your hand a fossil that could be more than 100-million-years-old and have lived and died on the very spot that you picked it up today. If the fossils on our beach are not collected they will simply be washed away and lost forever, so it's great that so many people enjoy spending hours picking through all the rocks on the beach. The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Jurassic Coast team are at the forefront of smart fossil collecting too, which means that people can find out how to collect safely, and be encouraged to register important finds.

■ FOLLOWING last year's success, what can people expect from this year's festival?
We have some new things in the Marine Theatre, including a gig by Robyn Hitchcock, who in 2008 went on an Arctic voyage with the Cape Farewell art and climate change project. We will also be showing some great films on the big screen in the Marine, including two episodes of David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet' series, 'End of the Line', a documentary about how overfishing is devasting the oceans, and 'Art from a Changing Arctic'. The MEMO project on the beach will be carving a giant seafan on Portland stone. It's an endangered species, and very relevant as it's present in Lyme Bay. The marquees will be stuffed with old favourites like the Dinosaur Runway, and new things like the Jurassic Coast team's giant fossil jigsaw.

■ HOW involved are local groups and people in the hosting of the festival?
The festival depends very heavily on our volunteers, and we always owe them a great vote of thanks. Traders put up our posters in their windows, Dave Milligan has taken our posters and leaflets all over the countryside. Virgil puts up the banner and flags, and all the Marine Theatre friends and volunteers pitch in to make the events there run smoothly. Previous festival organisers Fred Humphreys and Richard and Val Doney have been very generous with their time and experience, as have local fossil collectors who will put on a fossil fair in the grand marquee. Ellen Wrooke will be face painting in the jurassic garden on Saturday afternoon, and Alan and Lynne Vian will be inviting everyone to help build a giant sand ammonite on the beach Saturday morning.

■ HOW beneficial do you think events like this are for Lyme's tourism and economy?
It's a key mission of the Lyme Regis Development Trust to support and develop our local economy. The Fossil Festival – and the bigger 2012 Earth Festival that's coming your way soon – are all part of a package that leads to the Jurassic Coast Field Studies Centre. The centre will not only provide decent jobs year round for people in Lyme, it will give opportunities for local people to teach courses on a whole range of subjects – from pure science to arts and crafts – and for all ages.

■ HOW much does it cost to hold the fossil festival and how is the money raised?
Our budget this year is just under £100,000. This doesn't include all the volunteer hours and the more than £50,000 that our participants spend to bring their teams and exhibitions to Lyme. The Natural History Museum alone, who are bringing more than 20 scientists of all types this year, spend about £25,000. We have had funding from RELAYS, the Jurassic Coast team, Natural England, Arts Council England, West Dorset District Council, the Fine Family Foundation, Dorset County Council, Creative Dorset, and Jurassic Coast Trust. We have also had two donations from local businesses Lyme Bay Holidays, who are funding the website and programmes, and Newlands Holidays, who are paying for the Lyme-Charmouth free minibus. We will be applying to more and different funders next year, and will really focus on trying to get some more business support on board.

■ WHAT do you think makes Lyme the perfect host venue for such a big event?
Lyme is such a jewel. All the events are centred around the seafront, which just becomes a gigantic theatre and outdoor classroom. Our traders are all experienced at serving visitors and so are able to ramp up and meet the demand – although they will all need a very long lie in after the weekend.

■ IF you could invite anyone from throughout time for a dinner party, which three guests would you choose and why?
Mary Anning of course, David Attenborough, and Jon Snow. Jon would make sure the conversation kept flowing whenever I was tongue-tied.

■ IF you were stuck on a desert island, which three things would you want to take with you?
A year's supply of chocolate, a complete set of Agatha Christie, and a very comfy hammock.

■ IF Mary Anning was alive today, what question would you ask her and why?
Why didn't you keep a diary?

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Peace garden 'has come such a long way'

by Harry Walton

A SPECIAL peace pole in four languages was unveiled to mark the official opening of Weymouth Peace Garden.

The pole, which mirrors similar structures all over the world erected in the name of peace, had the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" carved in to it in English, Arabic, Urdu and Chinese.

The ceremony provided a fitting opening to the new garden which has been transformed from an overgrown former Quaker burial ground belonging to Weymouth and Portland council.

Many faiths gathered to watch the pole being unveiled including Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and Christians.

Garden spokesman Chris Wilson said: "We have come such a long way since we first stood in the entrance, looked at all the brambles and undergrowth and wondered what on earth we were taking on.

"To see the garden flower now to the wonderful design of Michelle Brown is fitting reward for a lot of very hard work."

The garden now includes everything from stone benches to walkways and from floral areas to a turf labyrinth.

Chris said: "We would like to thank everyone who helped with the garden which we hope will now provide a peaceful place where the community can come

CHRIS Wilson (sixth left) and volunteers, visitors and friends with the peace pole.

Prime Minister visits Weymouth

THE election campaign being fought in Weymouth stepped up gear this week when the Prime Minster visited the town to add his political might.

Gordon Brown visited the borough to talk to supporters at a garden party before popping into the Asda supermarket.

During the PM's hour-long visit at the store he was shown around and asked questions by employees on issues including family tax credits and what more he could do to help working families.

Store manager Howard Stacey said: "He came in on a meet and greet visit. He talked to customers and had a talk with colleagues in the warehouse.

"The staff were very shocked to see him, I was only allowed to tell them an hour and a half before he got here.

"I got to walk across the store with him, he was a very nice man. I didn't ask him any questions; I left that to the staff. It was a very good visit."

Makeover for town's Victorian sewers

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WORK is underway in Weymouth to give its Victorian sewers a 21st century makeover.

Wessex Water is planning to renovate up to six kilometres of sewers, many of which have served the town for more than 100 years.

Survey work has already started to identify those pipes in need of modernisation and they will be repaired later this year.

Wessex Water critical sewers technician Leanne Ford said the time had come to give the pipes a new lease of life.

She added: "It is rare for us to work on sewers in Weymouth because their robust design has meant they have held up well over the years.

"But now that some are reaching their life expectancy we are using state of the art technology to review and repair them."

Among those being cleaned and surveyed are ones at St Johns Court, Greenhill, Rodwell Road, Rodwell Avenue, Buxton Road, Southlands Road, Benville Road and Lanehouse Rocks Road.

The company is using pioneering "no dig" techniques to carry out the essential work which involves completing all surveys and repairs without having to dig up roads unless absolutely necessary.

The first phase of the work is now under way and involves using high pressure jetting equipment to clean the sewers before robots equipped with CCTV equipment are placed in to the pipes to complete a survey.

Work is taking place at night to minimise disruption to local people and it will not require any traffic restrictions.

Sewers will be repaired during the second phase using a quick and effective technique which takes about three days where liners are inserted into sewers from manholes to form a new structural lining to the old pipe.

Miss Ford said: "We have decided to use this pioneering technique because it is significantly less disruptive that traditional methods which involve digging up the road to replace a sewer.

"A liner can be fitted in just three days rather than taking three months to dig down and repair 100 metres of sewer."

Smaller repairs will be completed by sending robots into the sewer to patch up areas which have deteriorated.

Wessex Water said it had contacted residents to make them aware if work was taking place in their area.

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VAMPIRE love saga *Twilight* dominates a list of top audio and eBooks checked out of Dorset libraries.

Three of the four *Twilight* titles feature in the top ten of the most checked out titles, coming in at numbers one, two and eight.

The libraries' new eBooks and audio books service is proving so popular with local people that more than 100 extra titles have now been added to the collection.

Duplicate copies of the most requested titles have also been added to the service, which launched in February, to meet growing demand by Dorset library cardholders.

The top ten most checked out titles to date are:

1. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer (audio book)
2. *Eclipse* by Stephenie Meyer (audio book)
3. *Anne of Green Gables* by L M Montgomery (audio book)
4. *The Enemy* by Lee Child (eBook)
5. *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien (audio book)
6. *Genesis* by Karin Slaughter (eBook)
7. *Girl Missing* by Tess Gerritsen (eBook)
8. *New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer (audio book)
9. *1st To Die* by James Patterson (audio book)
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Library Service senior manager of reading and learning, Sharon Kirkpatrick, said: "We have received many requests to add more books, so that's just what we have done.

"Audio and eBooks are proving to be popular with existing members but are also attracting new members to the library service generally and giving people choice.

"We're finding that more and more library members are going to our website to carry out a wide range of tasks such as checking account details and renewing or requesting books."

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The digital library site includes all the information needed to use the service, but library support staff also handle customers' technical queries or other questions via email or phone.

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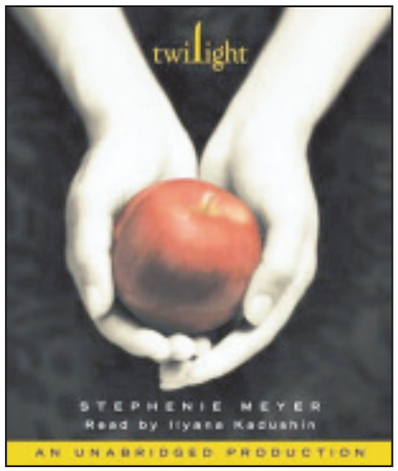

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VE celebrations at the fort

WEYMOUTH'S historic Nothe Fort attraction will be hanging out the flags to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

World War II re-enactors, British, American and Canadian, will be putting on displays to mark the event on Saturday, May 8th and Sunday May 9th.

There will be Infantry and Airborne Divisions, the Bomb Disposal Squad, Home Guard, Field Hospital, Radio Society, Military Vehicles and the Matchstick Fleet.

The Fort's 1940s shop, kitchen and classroom will also be open for demonstrations and there will be lots of opportunity for hands on and interactive activities for children.

On the Saturday Dorset Concert Brass Band will be playing a selection of wartime music for people to enjoy.

Visitors are promised a colourful family day out and they can either bring a picnic to the celebration or eat in the Fort's British restaurant where "ration bags" are still available.

The celebration is being offered at no extra charge and normal entry fees will apply with a family ticket costing £13, adults £6, senior citizens £4 and children under 16 years just £1.

36 stand for 12 seats on borough council

By Harry Walton

VOTERS will have thirty-six candidates to choose from when they go to the local election polls in Weymouth and Portland on May 6th.

The borough council currently has no one party in overall control of the 36-seat authority.

The Conservatives are the largest party with 18 seats followed by the Liberal Democrats with ten seats, Labour with five and Independents with three.

A dozen seats will be contested in 2010 with Conservatives defending seven of them, Labour and Independents two each and the Liberal Democrats one seat.

While voting will be held on May 6th in tandem with the general election, the counting of local election votes will not take place until the following day, May 7th.

The following are among candidates. A * denotes a councillor defending their seat.

Littlemoor: Mark Tewkesbury* (Lab), Nigel Reed (Con).

Melcombe Regis: Ray Banham (LibDem), David Price (Con), Elaine Walker (Lab).

Preston: Hazel Bruce* (Con), Richard Collings (LibDem), Maureen Drake (Lab).

Tophill East: Margaret Leicester* (Ind), Richard Paisley (Con), Sandy West (Lab).

Tophill West: Jo Atwell (Lab), David Beaman (Ind), Trefor Morgan (LibDem), Ian Munro-Price (Con), David Thurston (Ind).

Underhill: Paul Kimber* (Lab/Co-op), Richard Denton-White (Citizens' Action Party), Amanda Munro (Con).

Upwey and Broadwey: Robert Dunster* (Con), Roger Genge (LibDem), Stewart Pearson (Lab).

Westham East: Ian James* (Con), Andy Blackwood (Lab), Oz Kanji (LibDem).

Westham North: Christine James* (libDem), Michael Drake (Lab), Andy Manvell (Con).

Wey Valley: Alan Chedzoy (Lab), Brian Heatley (Green), Kevin Hodder (Con).

Weymouth West: Mark Fisher (LibDem), Colin Huckle (Lab), Dominic Lonsdale (Con).

Wyke Regis: Geoff Petherick* (Con), Lucy Hamilton (Lab).

Business leaders question prospective MPs

By Paul Crompton

BUSINESSMEN, the general public and students met at Weymouth's College to grill the perspective parliamentary candidates for the borough.

A total of ten questions were fired at the candidates during a two-hour hustings about business issues in the town at the special 'Question Time' style debate.

The five South Dorset candidates on the platform were: Jim Knight (Labour,) Richard Drax (Conservative,) Ros Kayes (Liberal Democrat,) Mike Hobson (UK Independence Party) and Brian Heatley (Green Party).

Only Andy Kirkwood from the Go MAD and Vote For Yourself party didn't turn up to explain his party's line on local and national business issues to the 100 gathered people.

The business-orientated hustings were organised by Weymouth & Portland Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Tourism.

The independent chairman was Sue Moore, principal of Weymouth College. A similar debate was held at Budmouth College in May 2005.

Chamber president Councillor Nigel Reed, who introduced proceedings from the stage of the college theatre, said this type of event was an important part of the democratic process for businesses, as their success was crucial to the local economy.

He said: "I think the most interesting thing was that we got two hours of questions to the candidates, and I think most of the audience thought so too.

"But we would have liked to have been able to ask secondary questions to the candidates' answers."

The candidates did, however, stay after the meeting to answer people's questions in a little more depth.

Turn to pages 6 & 7 for a profile of each of the prospective parliamentary candidates

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GENERAL ELECTION 2010

SIX candidates will compete against each other in the May 6th general election for the right to be South Dorset's MP.

Leading the candidates will be Jim Knight who is defending the seat he won for Labour in 2001.

Among other parties with candidates are the Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats, the Green Party, the United Kingdom Independence Party and the Movement for Active Democracy which is also referred to as the Go MAD And Vote For Yourself Party.

Voting ends at 10pm on May 6th after which votes will be counted and the result announced at Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room.

The following are candidates for the South Dorset general election seat.

by Harry Walton

Jim Knight - Labour

LABOUR candidate Jim Knight is married with two children and has been MP for South Dorset since 2001.

He is Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform at the Department for Work and Pensions, he attends meetings of the Cabinet and is also Minister for the South West.

He has also been Minister of State for Schools and Minister for Rural Affairs, Landscape and Biodiversity.

Other work has involved the digital transformation of public services, the Department of Health, the Defence Select Committee, leisure, minerals, fire safety and the World Heritage Coast Trust.

His special interests include foreign policy, defence, international development, rural affairs, arts and sport.

Mr Knight, who has a BA honours degree from Cambridge University, also runs a consultation panel of constituents who he talks to about policy issues as they arise.

Richard Drax - Conservative

CONSERVATIVE candidate Richard Drax was a soldier for nine years and a journalist for 17 years, ten of them with the BBC, before pursuing a political career.

He lives in Dorset with his wife and four children and their cocker spaniel, Aston.

His favourite mode of transport is the trail bike which he says is especially useful in beating South Dorset's congestion particularly during the tourism season.

He is patron of a mental health charity and helps several other charities and has established a Kids to Farm project where children from local schools spend a day on his farm. It has proved a huge hit with hundreds of youngsters and their teachers.

Mr Drax said: "There's so much to learn about the countryside and where our food comes from and the more we educate the better for us all."

Ros Kayes - Liberal Democrat

LIBERAL Democrat candidate Ros Kayes is a secondary school teacher and lecturer, a psychotherapist and cognitive behavioural therapist who is married with two children.

She has a BA honours degree in English literature and language from Oxford and an MA from Essex and she trained to teach at London University Institute of Education

Dorset has been her home for 16 years and she is deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats at West Dorset District Council where her interests include economic regeneration and affordable housing.

Among her many other interests is successful work as a singer-song writer and she really enjoys playing in local pubs and clubs.

She is also a keen football fan who supports Birmingham City while she also used to play herself as a member of Crystal Palace women's team.

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Brian Heatley - Green Party

GREEN Party candidate Brian Heatley, who lives in Weymouth, is a former senior civil servant who worked in government departments responsible for trade, industry and employment.

He is treasurer of Weymouth and Portland Transition Towns and from 2004-2009 was a member of the Green Party national executive responsible for policy, being the main author of their 2009 Euro election manifesto.

He is keenly interested in economics and he said: "My particular mission in the Green Party has been to develop realistic costed policies that add up to a coherent whole and build the reputation of the Party as being more realistic and down to earth on economic issues than other parties."

He has a Masters degree in Maths and History and his interests include cooking, keeping fit, growing vegetables and walking his dog.

Mike Hobson - UK Independence Party

UNITED Kingdom Independence Party candidate Mike Hobson lives at Worth Matravers and was educated at Fair Oak Secondary Modern School in Hampshire.

He served an apprenticeship for plumbing and heating before completing two years national service with the Royal Air Force.

He married and decided to start his own plumbing and heating business, but he also found time to tackle the job of building his own home.

Running his business occupied him for more than 50 years and he still works at the age of 75, building homes in Southampton.

He has three children and his varied interests include his family, swimming and doing landscape work in his garden.

Mr Hobson is a former Swanage UKIP chairman and he has also been Worshipful Master of two freemasonry lodges in Southampton.

Andy Kirkwood - Movement for Active Democracy

THE Movement for Active Democracy (MAD) is represented by Andy Kirkwood who registered for the South Dorset election as the candidate for Go MAD and Vote For Yourself.

He has lived at Swanage for ten years where he has an 18-hole pitch and putt course at Kirkwood Park.

Mr Kirkwood said: "Previously I qualified as an electronics engineer and worked in the computer industry in Reading before taking a few years out to travel the world.

"I love to sail, surf and walk the fantastic Dorset countryside.

"In between, my passion is quaffing too much real ale when vigorous environmental and political debates normally follow."

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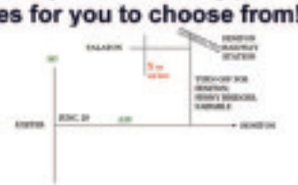

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Funds for young people's projects

by Harry Walton

YOUNG people involved in community projects are being invited to apply for funding to help their work.

Grants of up to £500 are available for projects in Weymouth and Portland run by young people, which benefit the community. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 28th.

Youthbank WP is a unique funding resource run by young people for young people.

It is supported and funded by the Weymouth and Portland Partnership while the bank is run by Matt Stickley, Irina Burnett, Ryan Hope, Shannon Cox, Joe Hogan and Sam Hoad who all live in the Borough.

YouthBank was set up by the Weymouth and Portland Partnership following calls from the community to provide more opportunities for young people to get involved in local decision making and work to help the community.

Since its summer 2008 launch YouthBank has funded a range of projects where young people are making a difference in the community.

These include Vibes club for young visually impaired people (VIPs) training in outdoor activities including rock climbing and abseiling, Parents with Prospects providing training in good parenting skills and healthy eating for young parents in the borough and Dorset V where funding was given to a group of young people working together as part of the Dorset V young people's volunteering project to set up a Wii group for adults with learning difficulties at the Ridgeway Centre in Weymouth.

YouthBank grant making team member Matt Stickley said: "We have been really pleased with the range of projects that have been put forward over the past year and the imagination shown by young people.

"It all goes to show that young people care about our community and want to make a difference. YouthBank grants can really help to support the excellent work that young people do in the area and we are pleased to be involved."The deadline for the second round of applications is Friday 28th May 2010 and anyone interested should telephone 01305-838364 or email youthbank@weymouth.gov.uk for an application form.

Plant fun day

A SPECIAL plant day is being held at Weymouth's Chaplehay Community Playgarden this Sunday, May 2nd.

The garden, which was set up in 2006 to make the playground a safe and attractive place, will be a hive of activity from 11.30am when people will have a chance to plant sunflowers, cucumbers and beans in pots and take them home.

Everyone is also welcome to help start up a small herb garden for the whole community and there will be delicious free snacks to show how herbs can be used.

Let's go fly a kite!

ANNABEL Milverton, Willow Wilkinson and Charlie Sheppard give their kites an airing on Weymouth sands.

AERIAL antics were the order of the day as kites went up, up and away above Weymouth Sands.

The resort is preparing to host ist 20th International Kite Festival this Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 1st-May 3rd.

Among those checking out the beach breezes were Annabel Milverton and Willow Wilkinson from Weymouth College.

Annabel said: "It was my first time flying a kite and it was great fun."

Willow said: "I really enjoyed the kite flying today. It was a different experience."

Weymouth and Portland events manager Steve Davies said: "More than 20,000 people are expected to enjoy the three days of the festival.

"We have entrants coming from as far afield as America, Germany, France and Spain as well as a large contingent of kite flyers representing clubs from all over this country."

Among top attractions will be displays of synchronised stunt kites, fighting kites and giant sky sculptures including an enormous whale and a dinosaur.

WEYMOUTH College garden shop is run by students who will gain valuable work experience from May 7th-21st when opening hours are extended for a plant sale.

The shop will be open sevena days a week from 11am-2pm to sell organic or fair-trade crops and products.

The shop also aims to be environmentally friendly by not using plastic bags and encouraging customers to bring their own boxes to carry home their plants and produce.

All the plants on sale have been grown by the students and are reasonably priced ready for spring garden borders and flower pots.

Visitors can also buy a a range of produce at the shop and sample a number of delicious preserves, jams and chutneys.

Among plants are summer bedding and vegetables, perennials shrubs and climbers, hanging baskets and much more.

Boost for refuge campaign

by Harry Walton

A CAMPAIGN to reopen Weymouth Women's Refuge has been given a tremendous boost this week.

Local campaigners Mary Watson and Gill Taylor have met with international author, poet and playwright Erin Pizzey who has offered her help and support to reopen the refuge.

Erin started the refuge movement when she founded Chiswick Women's Aid in 1971 and has also established refuges for battered women and children internationally.

Her book, Scream Quietly or the Neighbours Will Hear, was published in 1974 and was the first book in the world on wife battering.

She is known throughout the world as a courageous champion of battered women and is the author of many novels and non fiction having also contributed articles for many journals, magazines and papers worldwide including the New Statesman, the Sunday Times and Cosmopolitan.

Mary Watson said 'This has been a huge boost to our campaign.

"To have someone of the stature of Erin backing and helping us is incredibly important and I greatly look forward to her involvement."

Concern over relocation of tourist office to the Pavilion

BUSINESS people have criticised the proposed move of Weymouth's Tourist Information Centre from the King's Statue to the foyer of the Pavilion Theatre. Weymouth and Portland council plan to complete the move by the late Spring bank holiday at the end of May.

Leisure spokesman Brendan Webster said: "The number of people visiting the TIC in its current position is dropping while the Pavilion is also teetering on the brink of existence, so if both have to stand alone then both could fail.

"Combining them will give each a much stronger and more efficient offering, especially as the town's focus has moved from the seafront to the harbour and Hope Square in recent years."

But Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism president Nigel Reed said: "It is intriguing that the principle is to take two assets that the council runs — both at a considerable loss — and presume that by merging them this will somehow alleviate the deficit.

"While I can appreciate the provision of a new ground floor café in the Pavilion foyer, merging the TIC does not make business sense.

"The TIC is based where it is to maximize footfall and its usage. As they say, location, location location!"

Chamber secretary Michel Hooper-Immins said: "Being at the Pavilion may be useful in August with lots of people at that end of the beach, but think of it on a wet November day. Who will want to walk to the other end of the seafront then? This move has been attempted once before and had to be reversed within a short time."

Alison Cocks runs the Beach Cafe behind the TIC and said: "I think it's ridiculous, a complete waste of time. It works very well where it is. If it's not broke, don't try to fix it."

Local boatowner Paul Compton, of White Motor Boats, was concerned that a relocated TIC might not have space to display all local leaflets.

He said: "The Information centre is at the heart of the town and in just the right place to serve visitors arriving by bus, train and coach. It's doing a good job where it is. Don't rob Peter to pay Paul!"

SOME of those who attended the dedication sit on the bench

In memory of 'a fine councillor and friend'

A NEW stone bench on Portland has been dedicated to the memory of a much loved island town councillor.

Ian Phelps died of cancer two years ago, aged 46, having been born and brought up on Portland where he was also a lay preacher at St Johns Church, Fortuneswell.

He was Mayor of Portland in 2002-2003 and the idea for a bench in his honour was agreed by Portland Town Council and it was decided to have two made.

A lack of seating from Fortuneswell to Castletown meant the first seat was placed by the bus stop near the old police station.

Mr Phelps sometimes found it difficult to walk to the doctors in Castle Road and often commented on the fact that there was nowhere to sit and rest.

Stone for the bench was donated by Stone Firms Ltd of Portland after they were approached by Portland Mayor Councillor Richard Paisley. Plaques were donated by Portland Town Council.

The second bench will be placed at the bottom of Victory Road.

Mr Phelps' partner, Roy Evans, was also presented with Ian's past mayor's badge as a keepsake.

He said he was "very touched" and would always cherish the badge. He thanked the Mayor for such a generous thought.

Mr Phelps' father, Harry, his brothers and sisters, other members of his family and friends and Portland town councillors were also present at the dedication as was Stone Firms manager Neil Fuller and Portland mayor's chaplain, the Reverend Christopher Briggs, who conducted the dedication ceremony.

THE late Councillor Ian Phelps

Mr Fuller said: "We are very happy to have donated the stones for the benches and are very pleased to have been able to make a contribution to a fine Idea".

Mr Paisley said: " I am delighted that after two years of work the benches are finally in place."

He added that he was pleased to see that so many of Mr Phelps' family and friends had come for the dedication service.

Councillor Sandy West said: "I went to have a look at the bench this morning and seeing it in place made me cry.

"Ian was a fine councillor and friend and I miss him every day."

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

To be sure

"I THINK I can call myself a Christian" he told me. I was talking to someone who appeared to have some church background, but the way he spoke suggested he had some uncertainty about his faith.

As I said to him, we all know whether or not we are married. There is no doubt about that and there is a similarity in terms of commitment.

I remember a church organist admitting to me that he was not sure of his Christian standing, and I suspect he was not alone by any means.

One of my favourite scriptures comes from 1 John 5:12-13 where it says: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

I particularly like this one because it is so clear-cut with no possible grey areas. You either have or you have not – depending entirely on your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

With such certainty possible, it seems odd to be unsure about something so important.

Site clearing for new fire station begins

by Harry Walton

A CLOUD of brick dust officially marked the start of work to build Weymouth's new community fire station. Community guests and Dorset Fire and Rescue personnel gathered to watch a giant demolition grab take a huge bite out of one wall at the former Westhaven Junior School off Radipole Lane.

The school is being demolished to make way for a community fire station which will interact with many community groups including Budmouth Technology College and Weymouth College which are both hoping to utilise the site for courses.

College learning director Emma Cogan said such courses could include ones for young mothers to be, that the college had helped to design the IT suite and that she believed the new fire station would be "quite impressive".

Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter said that Weymouth's cramped current 1939 fire station at Boot Hill was the oldest in Dorset and would have cost £700,000 in repairs and maintenance over the next five years.

He added: The new community fire station will have a live demonstration area where members of the public can view the devastating and explosive effects of fire.

"There will also be a number of other education facilities and general facilities for the communities and in particular vulnerable groups to use.

"We believe that by engaging with individuals we will be better placed to influence their behaviours and make them and their communities safe."

Dorset Fire Authority chairman Chris Bulteel said: "It is an investment that will provide safer communities in the Weymouth area for many future generations."

Local schoolchildren and community groups such as the Prince's Trust will be invited to create ten innovative 8ftx4ft story boards for site hoardings with the boards integrated inside the new station which could be completed by July 2011.

■ STATION manager Phil Head (second right) with community representatives at the official start of work for Weymouth's new fire station.

■ CHIEF Fire Office Darran Gunter and Dorset Fire Authority chairman Chris Bulteel (right) prepare to start demolition work.

■ PART of the former Westhaven Junior School on Radipole Lane is demolished to make way for Weymouth's new community fire station.

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Sand martins can call it home

WILDLIFE experts are hoping that this desirable residence will be just what sand martins are looking for to set up home in Weymouth.

The special artificial nesting area at the RSPB Weymouth Wetlands nature reserve is believed to be the first of its kind in Dorset.

Overlooked by the bird-watchers' hide at Radipole Lake, the sand martin wall has 60 specially constructed nest holes and it's hoped that the small brown and white birds, similar to house martins, will stay to breed in them, perhaps as early as this year.

The wall also contains a multi-functional bat roost in the back as well as a safe place for amphibians and reptiles to rest and take cover from predators.

The reserve's team even have cameras at the ready to record everything that goes on so they can beam the images back to the reserve's visitor centre in the Swannery car park.

■ THE new sand martin nesting area. *Photo by ALLAN NEILSON*

Weymouth Wetlands manager Nick Tomlinson said: "We're very excited as sand martins have already been flying around the wall during the last few days, calling to each other.

"So we're hopeful that we've timed the construction just right to coincide with the arrival of juveniles from sub-Saharan Africa that need somewhere to breed."

The project has been fully funded by Natural England and is part of a planned programme of long-term works, which began last year, to restore and improve the Weymouth Wetlands.

Nick said: "Often people's experience of sand martins – which weigh little more than half a dozen teabags – is to see them at a great distance as they zoom past on migration or fly about feeding.

"But one of the great things about having the wall here is that people will be able to watch the whole life history of this lovely little bird unfold, from courtship, nest-building and egg-laying to feeding, fledging and flying."

Spring bird watching in Weymouth

SPRING sunshine graced a recent bird spotting stroll in Weymouth by the Friends of Lodmoor Country Park.

They were accompanied by the RSPB's Luke Phillips and volunteer Michael Morse who helped them identify birds in the park and on its border from chiffchaffs and chaffinches to dunnocks and sedge warblers.

The Friends, who even had a March Harrier soaring above them at one point, declared the event a great success and are planning a repeat walk in the autumn with RSPB support.

The next opportunity to enjoy Lodmoor Country Park in the company of an expert will be May 22nd at 10am when parks manager Carl Dallison joins a Spring Tree Time walk.

■ NINETEEN members and guests of the Friends of Nothe Gardens" recently enjoyed a facinating bird-watching walk throuh the gardens, conducted by Lynne Burningham of the R.S.P.B. (third from the left in the dark jacket in the photo).

The birdwatchers were pleased to see that at least 20 of the 23 species they had spotted last year were back, despite the very cold spell earlier in the year. In addition they were thrilled to see what must be one of the first swallows.

Up with the lark for the dawn chorus

PEOPLE are being urged to get up before the lark to learn about bird song.

The RSPB at Weymouth Wetlands nature reserve is celebrating International Dawn Chorus Day next Sunday, May 2nd, with a walk around Radipole Lake and an introduction to bird song.

If you've ever wondered why birds sing or found it difficult to tell a robin's song from a dunnock's or a great tit from a chiffchaff then this is the event for you.

The event starts at 5am to catch the best of this sound extravaganza.

Weymouth Wetlands information officer Luke Phillips said: "Learning a bird's song can make it easier to find the bird itself.

"Once you can identify the song, you'll have a better idea of where to look and what you're looking for."

It will be well worth the early start to get a mini master class in bird song and there will also be time to chat with RSPB guides afterwards over a continental breakfast, included in the admission price.

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Lessons go on as normal, even though the teacher is in Spain

by Harry Walton

MODERN technology has helped a Weymouth College tutor take her class from her brother's house in Spain.

Sue Dafter became frustrated at being stranded abroad because of ash problems caused by a volcano in Iceland, but she decided that being stuck in Spain didn't mean her students should miss out.

Arrangements were made so her lesson could continue almost as normal with Sue seen live on screen from her brother's house in a small village in Granada thanks to internet communication software Skype.

She was able to sit in front of a computer and web cam in her brother's house and be seen by her students in their Weymouth classroom under the watchful eye of the Head of Sixth Form, Anne Hirst.

College IT support engineer Zoe Gough had trialled the technology the day before to ensure that students' time with Sue would not be interrupted by technical difficulties, setting up a webcam with microphone so that Sue could see and hear the whole class.

She explained: "Skype is commonly used free software so that you can call friends or businesses from anywhere in the world as long as you have internet connection. This software also includes video calls."

Anne was really pleased that the students didn't have to miss out on valuable teaching time in the run up to their A Level examinations.

She said: "Even though Sue was still waiting for her flight back to Bournemouth Airport, she was adamant that her students would not lose out on lesson time with her. I think the Skype set-up worked really well and the students didn't seem fazed by it at all."

A LEVEL Spanish students in the classroom at Weymouth College watch tutor Sue Dafter on screen. From the left are Nives Vojvodic, Chris Jones, Laura Keane and Ben Lonsdale.

Golden celebration ideas for Pavilion

TIME is running out for people with ideas to help celebrate Weymouth Pavilion Theatre's golden anniversary on July 15th.

The deadline for suggestions to mark the occasion is this Friday, April 30th.

The curtain went up on the brand new Pavilion Theatre on Friday, July 15th, 1960, when Richard Stone presented "Let's Make A Night of It" starring June Powell, Peter Vernon, Chris Carlsen, Helen Gray and The King Dancers and Cyril Stapleton and his Band while headlining the event was the great Benny Hill.

Professional and amateur companies and organisations are being asked to put forward their proposals for a golden evening to celebrate 50 years of entertainment at the Pavilion.

They should be made in writing toThe Pavilion Theatre, The Esplanade, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8ED.

Correspondence should be marked "50th Anniversary Celebrations" but must arrive by no later than April 30th.

More information on show proposals is available from Nicky Jenkins on 01305-838566.

Novel by local author

"NO Tears or Candles" is a novel set in Dorset and Wiltshire during the 14th century.

The two main characters are Edmund, and Agnes, otherwise known as April, due to the mysterious circumstances of her birth.

Alice, April's mother, Friar Hugh and Geoffrey, a constable, also play vital roles in the story. Edmund is on the way to becoming a successful merchant like his father, but April knows no other life than tending goats and gathering herbs for her mother to turn into simples and cures. But there is no cure for the most virulent pandemic ever recorded that enters England via Weymouth. 1348 marks the death of thousands, and a struggle for survival for Edmund and April.

Susannah Clemens is a local author who has lived in Weymouth since the 60s and who has long been interested in the connection between the town and the Black Death.

The book is available from Joy's Convenience Store at Overcombe, Weymouth; Waterstones in Dorchester and The Book Shop, South Street, Bridport.

Fire safety for children

CHILDREN have been given a fire talk in Weymouth organised by Littlemoor Community Action Group.

Firefighters James Stockley and Roger Sarginson from Weymouth Community Safety Task Team presented an interactive event where more than 20 children were able to learn about the dangers of fire and how to avoid them.

Other subjects were also dealt with including arson and hoax calls.

The event formed part of the Littlemoor Summer Action Squad agenda which is supported by Weymouth and Portland council.

Authority spokesman Julie Hursthouse said: "It went fantastically well, it was a great deal of fun and all the young people are now better informed about fire safety.

"We also made sure that they all had a healthy breakfast before the talk started including wraps they made themselves.

Firefighter Stockley said: "It went really well today because the young people were all very receptive and really listened to what we had to say."

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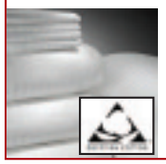
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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Too much, too soon?

CHILDREN seem to grow up so much faster now and modern life must shoulder a lot of the blame. Shop chain Primark recently bowed to public pressure and withdrew its range of padded bikinis for girls as young as seven.

It was a typical problem which perfectly illustrated that the transition period between childhood and adulthood is often being not so much blurred as wiped out altogether.

Walking in the sunshine near Weymouth town centre I was recently confronted by three girls aged about ten walking towards me.

These were children quite clearly still at primary school but they were decked out to try and look as old as they possibly could with fashion clothes, masses of jewellery and styled hair.

Perhaps they felt the need to do so because of peer pressure, because they wanted to attract the attention of boys or simply because they felt like it.

Whatever the reason, their appearance just jarred. It didn't look right.

Adulthood will be with them all too soon and I'd have thought that the parents of all three girls would have been concerned that their appearance was a case of "too much too soon" particularly in these days of increased awareness of the sexual threat to children.

Health and safety gone mad?

IF the Nanny State needed an advert for its insanity then it came at a recent job of mine.

I had to go on to a demolition site and, because the company involved had to follow rules, staff apologetically took me to one side in a hut where I was kitted out to cover my visit even though I wasn't going anywhere inside the gutted buildings.

First of all a hard helmet was assembled for me to put on, then a pair of half-rubberised gloves were produced and adapted for me with a knife so I could use a camera before I had to put on a virulent yellow site waistcoat.

Stepping out in that lot didn't exactly make it easy to work and I couldn't believe it when I was then approached and asked to put on a large pair of plastic glasses over my normal glasses.

I told staff I hadn't worn so much protective clothing since the last bomb disposal I had been invited to!

They apologised but said they were only following the rules.

Fortunately it emerged that perhaps I wouldn't be going right into the heart of danger…..and I was then allowed to take it all off again which was a blessing, but I have learnt my lesson.

This week I have a job covering a highly dangerous coffee morning so I'll be attending that menace in a flak jacket wearing my old cricket box with a special reinforced cheek to put my tongue in!

Quick on the draw with the sausages

WHO can resist the bangers offered at Weymouth's Fantastic Sausage Factory?

Not many people, myself included, but with owner Dennis Spurr you don't just get decent meat but service which raises a huge smile.

He was out in the street recently chatting away to all and sundry, as usual distributing some of his popular free sausage samples to anyone who wanted to try them.

Up stepped a couple of men while he was talking to someone else and the first man popped a piece of sausage into his mouth.

The second man also picked up a piece and, as Dennis had finished his latest chat, the man asked him what type of sausage it was.

Quick as a flash Dennis replied: "It's from our latest pet food range!"

He then burst out laughing and came clean to the relief of the first man whose horrified face had begun to show that he regretted finishing his free sample off so quickly!

■ WEATHER is warmer so be warned, the summer silly season has started early.

On a single trip to Upwey motorists were treated to the sight of a middle aged woman in a frock looking left, looking right and then stepping straight off the Dorchester Road kerb right in front of heavy oncoming traffic which was forced to brake sharply.

A few yards further on and an elderly man drove his car partly on to the same busy road and only then looked right to see if there was any traffic coming. There was and by then it was swerving round him.

By now jittery motorists were on their guard and when a car came out of a turning across one lane of traffic near Littlemoor Road traffic lights they were ready to stand on their brakes when the same car shot across the second lane and turned into town right in front of them.

All in all, useful practice for when the tourism season really starts. God help us then!

■ ICELAND'S volcanic eruption has caused travel problems which have hit many parts of the globe including Weymouth and Portland.

One group of youths tried to claim that it had prevented them going on holiday to Iceland while a young couple were genuinely annoyed that their weekend departure to "Majawka" had been delayed.

So spare a thought for one pipe-puffing pensioner who heard all this while sat in the sunshine on a street bench.

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VOLUNTEERS cooking in the galley.

Volunteers appeal success

WEYMOUTH'S tall ship, Pelican, has had a hugely successful day appealing for volunteers to help with the ship.

Nearly 100 people came forward with 60 people attending the open day session and another 40 people telephoning the office to make future appointments.

The volunteers of all ages, male and female, displayed an amazing set of skills to help cover the many tasks required such as tour guides, catering staff, engineers, carpenters, crew and administrative support.

The first day sail of the summer will take place on May 15th and a few passenger places are available.

Second Mate Ben Swain said: "We have been totally overwhelmed with the response to our Volunteer Day.

"The variety of professional skills on offer to us will help considerably towards a successful sailing programme this summer. I would like to thank everyone who has contacted us and we will be touch within a day or two."

Pelican will be taking part in the tall ships races in July and August. Discounts and bursaries are available for young people under the age of 24 while up to half voyage costs may be available from the Pelican Partnership charity. All enquiries should be made to the Pelican Office.

For more information please call the Pelican office on 01305 839476 or click on to the website www.adventureundersail.com or email direct at : enquiries@adventureundersail.com.

PELICAN Captain Francis Noel Hudson (right) and Second Mate Ben Swain.

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Quay to quay

VEHICLES purring history made the trip for a Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club event from Poole Quay to Weymouth Quay.

Nearly 90 cars and a bus set out in glorious sunshine to tackle the journey which was hailed a great success.

Club chairman Sue Gotobed said: "We ordered the sunny weather specially!

"It was an excellent turn-out for our annual Quay to Quay event.

"The oldest vehicle this year to make the run was a 1928 Austin 16.

"It was the 12th year we have held the run and we are planning to do so again next year."

WESSEX Vehicle Preservation Club chairman Sue Gotobed with Austin Healey. *Photos by HARRY WALTON*

THREE Messerschmitts on display.

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Beaminster Town Council

Charter Market & Fair

725th Year of granting of the Charter

Beaminster Town Council are staging a Medieval Market and Charter Fair on Sunday 2nd May 2010 to mark the 725th year of the Charter granted in June 1284 of a market and fair to William de Ewell and Thomas de Rupton.

The Medieval Market will open with the reading of the Charter by Town Crier, David Craner at 10.00am followed by the bells of St Mary's Church. The Market will include tradesman demonstrating old country crafts, various forms of livestock, Babylon Morris Dancers, Medieval dancing under the expert tutorial of Alison Symonds, greasy pole, the Dorset Army Cadets will patrol the Square acting as market marshall's and those found to be misbehaving will be placed in the stocks, come and see the old Beaminster Fire Engine, various stalls and strolling tradesman will be selling their wares – we are hoping to create a truly mediaeval atmosphere

There will be a children's fancy dress parade, fancy dress to be medieval or historic if possible (but not essential). There are two classes 1) under 7 years and 2) 7 – 11 years, entries on the day please arrive in the Square by 2.45pm

The fancy dress parade will leave the Square at 3.00pm and head to the Memorial Playing Field for the start of the Charter Fair which is aimed to provide a family fun afternoon.

Entertainment includes maypole dancing, children's sports, bouncy castle, Junior Town Crier Competition, fairground rides, horse & cart rides, St Swithin's Band (kindly sponsored by A J Wakely & Son, Bridport), 20/20 Cricket, Teas (kindly provided by Clipper Teas), Dorset Army Cadets climbing wall, coconut shy and various other side shows, stalls and games of chance.

In the evening there will be a hog roast, licensed bar and live music entertainment.

It is still not too late to be part of this historic day - for further details contact Christine Bright at the Beaminster Town Council office (01308) 863634.

A Bouquet For Beaminster

Local musicians are paying tribute to the Town's history at a concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 1st May.

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As a prelude to the 725th Anniversary Celebrations of Beaminster's Market Charter, professional and amateur musicians join forces in a miscellany of words and music, ranging from medieval chant and dance, through 18th century chamber music, 'West Gallery' music, solo and part songs, to a finale featuring the church's fine new Skrabl organ.

Two poems about Beaminster have been set to music. Nadine brummer's 'Imagine this – a Town' set by Peter Hope, and William Barnes' 'Sweet Be'mi'ster' set by Brian Earl, will both be sung during the evening. Among the performers are Hilary Kenway, Antony Saunders, Jeffery Fraser, Con Brio, Beaminster Gallery Quire and Gentlemen's Relish.

'A Bouquet for Beaminster' begins at 7.30pm on Saturday 1st May. Tickets at £7.50 are available from the Yarn Barton Centre, the Church Office in Hogshill Street, from Ron Emett (01308 868377) or at the door.

Further information:
Ron Emett 01308 868377 or 01935 891033
Christine Bright at Beaminster Town Council
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Indian night at the Cygnets restaurant

YATIN and Himanshu working hard in the kitchen

By Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH College's Cygnets restaurant went Indian when it staged the last in a series of cultural theme nights.

Nisha, Vaishali, Nilam, Himanshu and Yatin from Gujarat and Bishan from Bangladesh joined the College's catering and hospitality students under the guidance of chef lecturers Alan Kelly and Julie Waring.

They prepared, cooked and served a variety of Indian food to a packed restaurant with several customers returning because of the success of previous cultural theme nights which included Greek and Eastern European.

Nisha and Vaishali demonstrated the various forms of Indian female dress while both elegantly modelled beautiful saris.

Meanwhile Yatin and Himanshu were working hard in the kitchen.

College international student co-ordinator Liz Evans said: "We have students at the College who have originated from every corner of the globe and bring with them fascinating cultural backgrounds. Food is just one element of this.

"We decided to run the cultural evening through our restaurant that is open to the public so that local residents could enjoy the events as well as our students

"It was also great experience for our professional cookery students to learn new culinary techniques from visiting professionals and our international students.

"It was a very successful end to the series of theme nights and hopefully we will have more during the new academic year from September."

NISHA modelling her sari and showing diners another style of sari

NISHA and Vaishali modelling beautiful saris

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Hitching for heroes

ARRIVING at Tesco are Graham Stretch, Mike Baker, Eddie Waring, PC Sara Mackay and Paul Crossey, greeted by Margaret Parkes from Tesco Dorchester

STAFF at Portland Young Offenders Institute came together to organise a fundraiser with a difference to raise money for the charity Help for Heroes.

Eleven teams of four people arrived at Dartmoor Prison, the starting point for their madcap antics. Each team had 48 hours to make their way back to the finishing point, the Wyke Smugglers pub, by any legal means of transport.

This did lead to the event being unofficially called "Hitch for Heroes" although various options were taken by each individual team.

With the weather on their side the team from the security department made good use of their connections to bring them back to Dorset.

Graham Stretch, Eddie Waring, Mike Baker and Paul Crossey made their way to the Taunton Deane services by hitching a lift with a Reliance van.

Their journey continued from the services to the town of Wootton Basset courtesy of another security firm, Group 4.

Friday night was spent camping in the back garden of a local pub.

"The people of Wootton Bassett were incredibly friendly and welcoming and we met with a tremendous response to our fund raising efforts. They have opened their hearts to our servicemen and were very supportive of our campaign to collect money for the Help for Heroes charity," said team member Eddie Waring.

Saturday morning saw the intrepid crew picked up from Wootton Basset by Group 4, and they made their way to RAF Lyneham where once again the hospitality they received was second to none.

Back with Group 4 they were transported to Salisbury railway station where they persuaded a friendly guard to allow them free travel to Southampton.

A change of train and another friendly guard saw them travel first class to Wool, followed by a walk to Bovington Army Camp and another overnight stay. From there, Dorchester Police took over, with PC Sara Mackay driving them to Chickerell Army Camp with stops at Dorchester Police Station and Dorchester Tesco.

On reaching their final destination, the four travellers were due to meet up with the other teams for a barbecue, a few beers, and an afternoon of first class entertainment.

This one team alone had raised in excess of £1,500 before the event began, and they are very much hoping the final sum will be well over £2,500 with donations received along the way.

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As you enter Thistlegate House the comfortable calm relaxed atmosphere is immediately apparent and welcoming. The accommodation is spacious and tastefully decorated as you would expect of a house of this style. The high quality care is provided by a very experienced professional staff together with the resident proprietors, June Webb and John Corney, who are available to residents and staff alike throughout the day and night which ensures that the very highest standards of care are maintained at all times. The excellent cuisine at Thistlegate House is a very important part of daily life with the highly varied menus being planned by the chefs and June Webb on a daily basis, the elegant dining room provides the ideal setting where the residents receive silver service.

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ME Awareness Week 2010

M.E. Awareness Week in 2010 falls between 9 - 15 May.

This week is the opportunity for individuals and groups together to raise awareness of M.E. and raise funds in aid of the cause. The Dorset ME Support Group, a registered charity, is a membership organisation offering help and support to those with CFS/ME, including their families and carers, who reside in the county of Dorset or in areas immediately adjoining it. The Group currently supports over 600 persons and their families.

The Group's activities are centred on providing information about the illness, a Benefits Advisory Service, advice on Welfare Support and a range of social and other activities to encourage the rehabilitation of its members. A twice-yearly Newsletter is distributed to members and an Annual Medical Lecture is organised with speakers of national standing.

The Group operates a series of local "Link Groups", set up across the county, and immediately adjoining areas, to provide a focal point for CFS/ME sufferers and carers in their own localities.

If you require more information about the work of the Group and its activities, please contact our Group Administrator on 01305777670 or go to www.dmesg.org.uk

On Sunday May 9th there will be Open House and Gardens at Thistlegate House, Axminster Road, Charmouth, DT6 6BY, in aid of Dorset ME Support Group. There will be stalls, games and cream teas in the garden from 2.00 to 5.00pm. Admission £2.50 (50p for children and carers free).

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The Koppers

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Our aim at The Koppers is to promote independence, privacy and dignity within a therapeutic and caring environment. The home is managed by its owners, Mr and Mrs Baksh, who are both qualified psychiatric nurses and have long experience in the care of service users with mental health needs. With the help of dedicated and caring staff, the service users receive care over 24 hours in a very homely and secure environment.

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The gardens and grounds at The Koppers are a pleasure; where residents can enjoy lovely lawns, flower beds, shrubberies and terraces.

The newly extended conservatory provides an extra sitting area overlooking the wonderful views of the garden and the village, for the service users and visitors

At The Koppers we provide a range of activities including outings, a walk in the village, including wheelchair users as well, sing-a-long, bingo, quizzes etc. We pride ourselves on our excellent home cooking; we provide nourishing and varied four weekly menus from Summer and Winter. Meals are prepared from fresh produce purchased locally. Special diets are catered for. Come and see for yourself we are proud to show visitors around. If you wish to see the best in residential care for the confused elderly just telephone to arrange a visit. We understand that people like to have a talk, well before they decide to place a relative at The Koppers, so you will not feel under any obligation. We look forward to meeting you.

To arrange a visit or enquiries please telephone the home on 01297 32427 and ask for Vivian Baksh, The registered manager/proprietor.

Clarondene

Isn't it amazing, watching all the bulbs and plants of last year re-emerge after such a long, cold, wet winter? We have loved watching them all grow as the weather has warmed and the sun has shined. It's such fun watching them come up, guessing from the first shoots what they are, then wondering how they have managed to spread so much further than we remember them last year.

For me, I found last winter very long and grey; I didn't like all those endless days of rain and heavy cloud with all the foggy sea mists that never seem to lift. But now, this has been the longest spring I can remember, with colour everywhere and changing hues of green emerging from the earth day after day. The sunshine has been delightful and so welcome.

We have spent more time in the garden than in any April since I came here and the patio doors have remained open longer than they usually do in summer! Even our elderly lady cats have ventured out and lain in the sun.

With the sunshine outdoors, all has felt lighter indoors and we have certainly enjoyed the celebrations of St George and a recent musical performance "The Al Jolson Years". Even when you can't remember ALL the words, you can still hum along to those memorable songs. If this is a sign of the fun we can look forward to this summer, it is most welcome and appreciated. Clarondene in spring - Lyme in summer - LOVELY!

L Wyatt

L Wyatt is your local electrical store based in Chard where it has been established for over 60 years. It is owned and ran by Simon Minson and David Wickens who between them have over 80 years experience in the industry, selling all you need for your visual and audio home entertainment. They pride themselves on traditional, personal service at an excellent and competitive price.

In the show room you will find some of the best alliances from brands such as Panasonic, Humax and Daewoo. L Wyatt offers all of the latest technology including digital television, Free view and Sky. They are also local agents for free sat. They have their own fleet of service vans offering an installation service, which includes making sure that new purchases are up a running as soon as possible and are compatible with any existing appliances.

This service is available to customers across a wide area including the south coast and Taunton. The shop is proud to also still offer a rental service.

As well as sales L Wyatt offer a repair service from their newly refurbished workshop.

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Primrose Lodge Testimonials

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"This is such a friendly home and the food is good. Generally staff are willing and helpful. I have been to other homes and so I know this is a good one. Would be happy to stay for another five years." Mrs. Maisie Keast

"In one sentence: a pleasant and capable home and staff are friendly and willing to help. Wouldn't mind if I had to stay for a long period of time." Mr. Robert Foyle

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for the over 50's

Open the green door, in Chancery Lane, pop in for morning Tea or Coffee (Monday to Saturday), meet old (or make new) friends, enjoy a freshly cooked three course meal (four days a week), in our redecorated Day Room. We provide Day Care, bathing in our easy access bath (assisted by our trained carer) and Hairdressing.

Members were joined by pupils from the Colfox School, who entertained with poetry, music and helped with making Easter Bonnet's for a competition, this was followed by an afternoon Easter Bingo, which raised £185. In addtion to regular Bingo afternnon, our members recently visited a Farm Shop and Angelica Kennard visited us for a "Sing-a-Long"

We are holding Table Top Sales on Saturday 29th May 09:30 to 12:30 Tables (6ft) available at £5 (01308424357).

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 19th May.

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Coneygar Lodge is a 22 bedded residential home, owned & run by the Cross family. It is situated in a peaceful residential area of Bridport with stunning views over the surrounding countryside. It comprises 4 separate buildings around a courtyard – 20 bedrooms are on the ground floor and are all ensuite.

We have lovely gardens and each year hold a summer fete and BBQ. All profits from these events go to a charity chosen by the residents.

Coneygar Lodge offers a high standard of care and prides itself on its excellent food and individualised care offered to all our residents. We have our own transport and take regular trips to various places of interest, local tea rooms and the seaside. We also have a small shop where residents are able to purchase items such as toiletries, birthday cards and sweets.

If you would like further information or to request a brochure, please ring Natalie, Andrea or James on 01308 427365.

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Primrose Lodge

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Getting ready for your holiday

Silk Stocking

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Shirley recognises that there is no one uniform body shape so she offers mix and match designs purchased as separates.

Shirley has a wealth of experience in specialist fittings and can offer advice to help you with your buying decisions. Treat someone special with a Silk Stocking voucher.

It is well worth paying Silk Stocking a visit for all your swimwear needs and much more. Shirley and her staff are all ways happy to help.

Lighter Life

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IF YOU are feeling self-conscious about wearing lighter, more revealing clothes, as the seasons change, then now is the time to take action, says Celia, who runs the LighterLife Programmes in West and North Dorset. The Lighterlife Programmes are for people who are one stone or more overweight, and Celia offers groups at both Dorchester and Shaftesbury.

'Sometimes being overweight creates real barriers to enjoying Summer activities, whether it is Parents' Race on Sports Day' or a holiday in the sun" said Celia, "and last but not least there is the your summer wardrobe.: Summer clothes can be short, brief and unforgiving, and swimwear and beachwear even worse , making many people reluctant to spend time on the beach or by the pool.

With Lighterlife, Clients are really motivated because they see the weight coming off steadily, and the Lighterlife approach helps people to make lasting changes to their diet and ultimately their life' says Celia.

This year give yourself the chance to enjoy the summer holidays by losing weight NOW and changing your life for the better.

To find out more and to book a free appointment call Celia on 01305 259007 / 07515 699 801 or visit www.lighterlife.com/celiamanville

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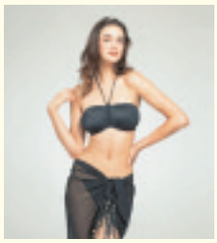

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Getting ready for your holiday

YOUR essential holiday checklist for a stress free holiday, courtesy of Your Holiday Directory.

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Passports
Flight tickets
Keys (or arrangement of access) for the accommodation
Directions and map to the accommodation
Hire car vouchers/details
Driving Licences
Travel Insurance documents (including your EHIC card)
Cash (local currency /Country currency)
Credit Cards
Traveller's cheques (take a note of reference numbers and keep separate from the cheques themselves)
Medication/Doctors note
Travel sickness remedies
Glasses/Contact lens and solutions
Camera
Sunglasses
Pen and paper
Flight socks
Phrase Book

We would also suggest that you take photocopies of all-important documents such as your passport, driving licence, etc and keep them separate from the originals.

SUITCASE
Toiletries
Plug adaptors
Sun creams and sun blocks
Swimwear
Beach towels (most accommodation does not supply beach towels)
Caps and hats
Clothes
Sandals, trainers and shoes
Lightweight jacket or jumper for the evenings
Insect repellent (spray or roll on, for the evenings)
Books for your holiday
Personal dietary requirements (e.g. do you only drink herbal tea, have sweeteners, etc)
First aid kit /vitamins /stomach upset, hangover remedies

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME
Ensure your pets are looked after for the duration of your holiday
Cancel newspapers and milk
Activate your alarm
Leave a key with someone you can trust
Tell your neighbours you are going on holiday and to keep an eye out for you
Make sure anyone you give keys to knows how to work your alarm
Lock all doors and windows
Ask your neighbour /friend to remove your post and free newspapers regularly
Unplug all electrical appliances, except your freezer
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The facts on energy performance certificates

EPC'S came about as a result of the European Directive in the battle against climate change. Unfortunately due to the lack of understanding governing the process and the implementation that was put in place an EPC is regarded by various members of the public as being an unnecessary evil and just another piece of red tape that we could do without. This could be no further from the truth and hopefully I will be able to clarify some relevant questions and shine a more positive light on the issue.

For instance a residential EPC is valid from the date of issue for a period of ten years and at this point in time costs less than a colour television license which lasts for a period of one year? That is a very basic however simple fact but there is a lot more to it than just the cost.

An EPC actually brings out recommendations to assist the property owner in ways to save on fuel bills and at the same time contribute in the battle against climate change. The recommendations are supported by new feed in tariffs which entitle the consumer to export generated renewable fuel back to the grid saving on costs and energy. With ever increasing fuel costs and the state of the current economy any means by which we can save money in the here and now has to be advantageous.

More immediate cost effective solutions like switching to low energy light bulbs, improving loft and wall insulation or upgrading a boiler system are all highlighted in the end result depending on the utility usage in individual properties.

There may be sceptics out there who condemn the entire climate change hype but even they are keen to save money.

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The EPC process is applicable to residential properties, commercial properties and public buildings owned by a local or government authority. In short just about any habitable building,with a number of exceptions, i.e. a place of worship, are suitable for an energy performance assessment by a qualified and accredited assessor. I would urge the public to ensure that the person performing the assessment is recognised by a governing body and that they perform a professional service. I would encourage the public to ask questions of the assessor regarding the resultant rating on a property and by what means they could improve to save money on fuel costs. The assessor is actually there to help.

The negative aspect of an EPC needs to be replaced by the positive and hopefully the public will realise the value of the process as we move ahead in the battle against climate change. After all saving money, energy, contributing to a cleaner environment and helping to create a better future for our children must surely be a good thing.

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The BID At Dorchester Skate Jam 2010

THIS weekend's Dorchester Skate Jam was blessed with glorious sunshine and the local skating and BMX fraternity were out in force.

The skating mini festival was held to mark Dorchester Skate Park's first anniversary and it felt like half of Dorchester were taking part in the celebrations.

With competitions held throughout the day, those that stopped to watch the action were given a display of the highest quality. Even the under 10's were really going for it – particularly when there were some great prizes up for grabs.

All the local skateboard shops provided prizes, and Monster Energy Drink were there with their monster truck and their pro skateboard and BMX teams.

The BID's very own Phil and Dave caught some of the action – if you spot yourself let them know via the website www.dorchesterdorset.com

Dorchester's family cycling centre

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We stock folding bikes from Brompton, Giant and Raleigh. With increased concern over congestion on our roads and climate change we are selling increasing numbers of these bikes. Just fold it up and hop on the bus or train!

If you struggle with cycling then why not try out an electric bike? We stock the Giant and Trek range of electric bikes, with prices from £1200. With modern Lithium Ion battery technology and high quality electronics these bikes can give you a range of between 40 and 80 miles (depending on the model).

Upstairs we have one of the largest selections of cycling accessories, clothing, spare parts, helmets, shoes, gloves and components on the south coast! With brands such as Trek, Shimano, Foska, Funkier, Ortlieb, SRAM, Abus, Rockshox, Bontrager, Altura, Raleigh, Sigma, Cateye, Bell and Giro helmets, Camelbak, Avenir, Titec, Kryptonite and much, much more. Arriving this week is new range of running and cycling clothing from Ronhill plus new summer clothing and shoes from Bontrager plus a new range of Uvex Glasses.

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On 1 May a new exhibition opens at the Museum. Entitled Alice Kettle: Allegory it features the work of artist Alice Kettle and her dramatic, contemporary embroidery. Many of her pieces are large in scale and some are three-dimensional. Alice uses both a monochrome palette and a range of more vibrant colours in her work to great effect. Entry to the exhibition is free and many of the works are for sale. The exhibition runs until 26 June.

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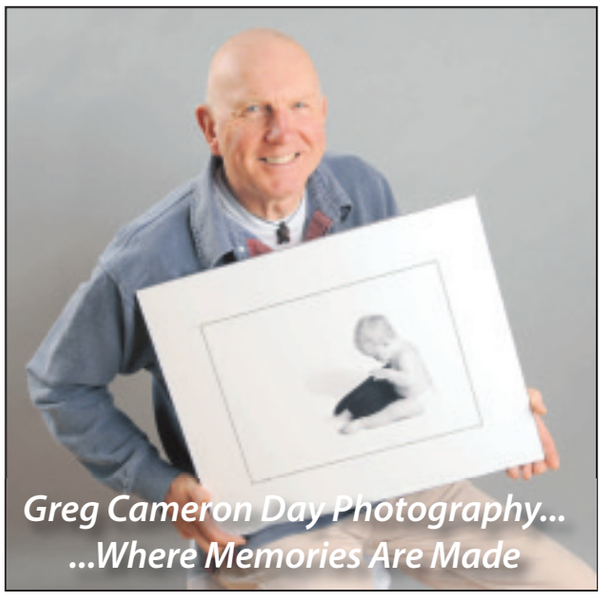

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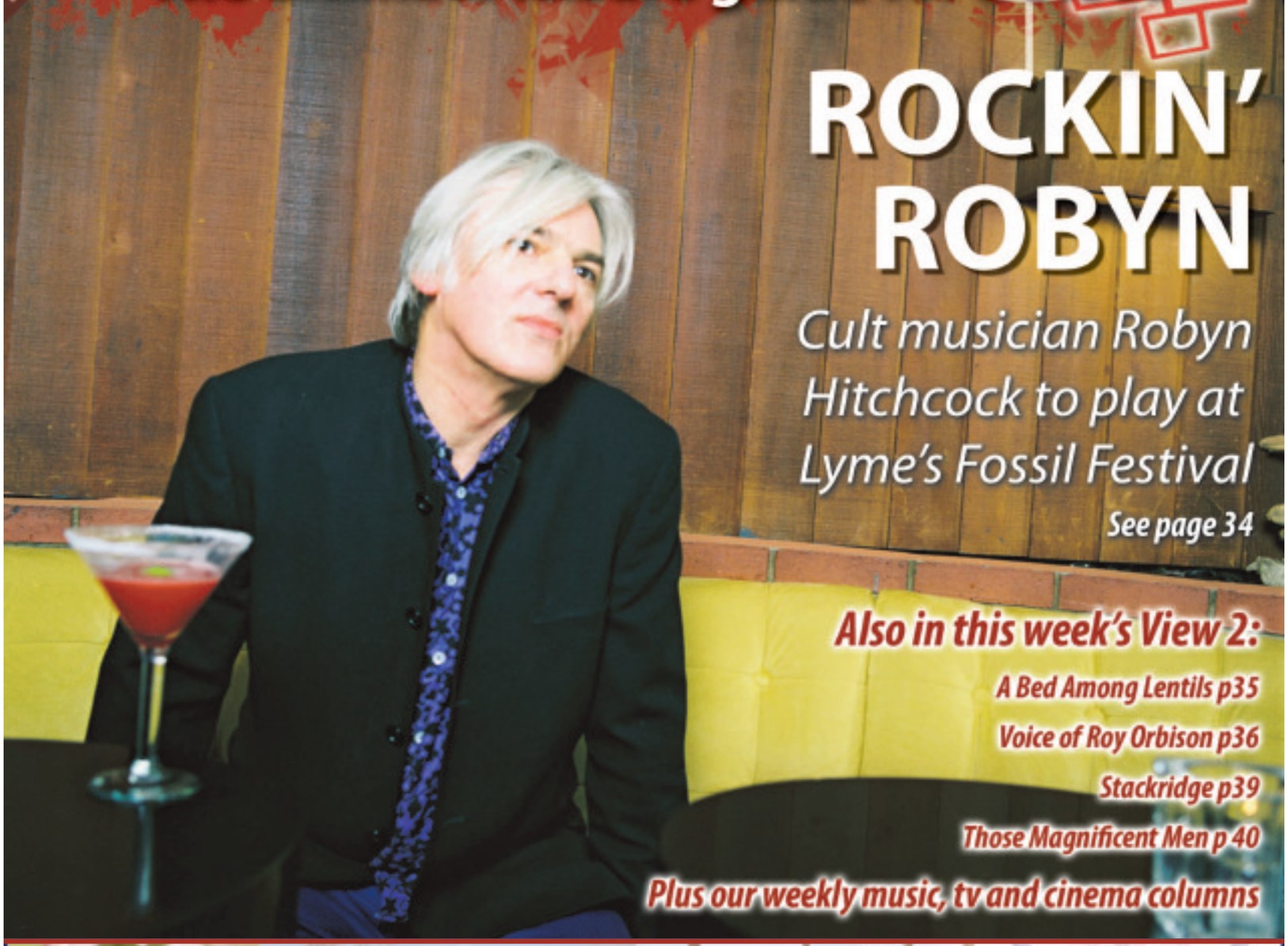

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A beginner's guide to the opera (or perhaps not!)

THE idea of the pop artist moving into the classical field is not a new one. Off the top of my head I can think of Paul McCartney (who has released a further three classical albums since his initial foray in 1991, *Liverpool Oratorio*) and Elvis Costello (who followed in Paul's footsteps with *Il Sogno* in 2004). I'm sure if I thought about it a little longer I could come up with a few more.

But moving from pop to opera - that most highbrow of musical genres - well, that's an altogether different proposition. The likes of Charlotte Church might have moved in the opposite direction, but she never actually *wrote* an opera to my knowledge!

Roger Waters, the self-styled genius of Pink Floyd, tried his hand with *Ça Ira,* based on the story of the French Revolution. A well received, unsurprisingly overblown piece - with over 500 artists involved in the 2006 Polish production - it might have been an opera but nevertheless had Waters' trademark all over it.

But of all the other great songwriters in that all-encompassing oeuvre called 'pop,' perhaps one of the most likely candidates to try their hand at opera was always going to be Rufus Wainwright.

A singer-songwriter in the Elton John tradition, Rufus is known for his 'popera' style which seemed to make his progression to full-blown opera a matter of 'when' and not 'if'. His affecting, personal style of writing often invokes the themes of tragedy associated with opera.

In fact, the story of his life so far could make a great opera; his difficult relationship with his father (singer-songwriter Loudon Wainwright III), the death of his loving mother (singer-songwriter Kate McGarrigle) and the playful rivalry between him and his sister (singer-songwriter Martha Wainwright).

Add in Rufus' addiction to crystal meth in the early 2000s, as well as the ups and downs of his musical family, and you've got yourself a great story.

Yet, I digress. Rufus *has* written an opera but it's not about himself. *Prima Donna* originally opened in Manchester last year and recently finished it's first (and possibly last) run in London. I went to Sadler's Wells in Islington for the final of the four scheduled performances in the capital.

I've never been to the opera before and it says a lot about my tastes in music that the first time I go it's because the piece carries the name of someone not associated with the genre.

Although I could wax lyrical about any rock concert you could throw at me, reviewing an opera... well, I don't know where to start. To be honest, at times I wished that that I could mute the singers and just listen to the orchestra (the Royal Ballet Sinfonia) but I just put that down to being an opera philistine.

It wasn't until the resumption after the interval that I realised that *Prima Donna* - by opera standards - might not actually be any good. A number of people sat near me did not return to their seats and I wasn't entirely sure why. I'm sure my feet weren't particularly smelly, and was positive I hadn't done anything to upset anyone's operatic sensibilities!

Yes, the story was rather non-existent (an ageing opera singer - possibly inspired by Maria Callas - anxiously prepares for her comeback in 1970s Paris, falls in love with a journalist, has her heart broken, calls off comeback) but I'd been warned that operas are never renowned for the plot lines anyway.

The main performers, including celebrated Scottish soprano and Covent Garden regular Janis Kelly, all sang with the level of passion and gusto you'd expect.

So what was wrong with it? Well, you'd need to ask an opera expert, not a novice, for the answer to that. But the newspapers confirmed my fears that this was not a well received piece.

"After many minutes of cumulative bathos, you long for something to happen - anything," bemoaned Fiona Maddocks in *The Observer*. I agree things were a little slow, but I thought that was the norm.

I did notice there weren't any gripping arias - something that you'd expect from *any* opera, surely? - to make the evening go a little faster. But did I think it "at best banal, at worst boring" (Lynne Walker, *The Independent*)? That, perhaps, is a little harsh.

FROM POP TO OPERA | Rufus Wainwright's *Prima Donna* has just made its London debut

But if the libretto hadn't been written in French, I do think the whole thing would have been laughable (an opera in English is not on my list of things to see before I die).

Has it encouraged me to return to the opera? Well, if it was Rufus' intention to introduce a new, younger generation to the genre, I'm not sure it's worked.

I think if I did go again, I'll give the modern stuff a miss, head to the Royal Opera House and hope something like *Tosca* or *Don Giovanni* is on instead.

by James Coles

Robyn to rock at Fossil Festival

THE Lyme Regis Fossil Festival 2010 is pleased to announce that surrealist singer-songwriter and guitarist, Robyn Hitchcock, will headline the festival with a performance in the Marine Theatre on the evening of Saturday, May 1st.

To his many fans and followers, Robyn's musical talent and abilities as singer, musician and lyricist need no introduction. He has worked with, inspired and captivated people with an edgy, often bizarre and challenging but consistently brilliant catalogue of work that spans almost 35 years. Now one of England's veteran cult figures, he has been filmed by Jonathan Demme and worked alongside the greats that those decades produced, such as Elvis Costello, REM, Nick Lowe, John Paul Jones and Gillian Welch to name but a few.

To compliment the theme of the Festival, which this year is 'Dead … And Alive!', his unique repertoire for the evening will include songs about insects and marine life, including a trilobite song. Robyn acknowledges that much of his work has been inspired by the natural environment. He lived for a while on the Isle of Wight and his sister, Lal Hitchcock, the artist, lives on the Jurassic Coast, where, he says "We get together and feed the plesiosaurs".

However, there is another more recent influence on his work inspired by his involvement with the Cape Farewell project. Robyn was one of the 40 international artists, journalists and scientists who joined the 2008 Disko Bay Expedition to Greenland in September 2008.

The Arctic is an incredible place for artistic inspiration and by literally sailing into the heart of the climate debate, the Expedition was an attempt to draw people's attention to this climatic tipping point.

Robyn wrote in his blog during the expedition:

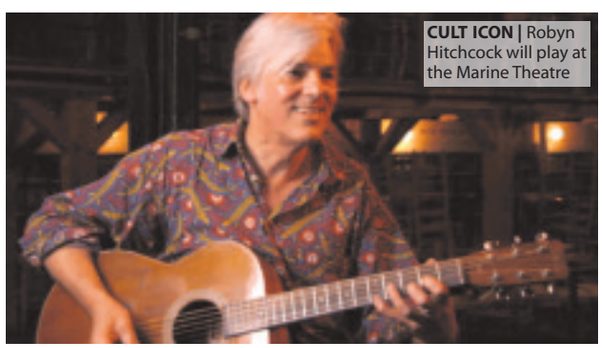
'Slugs leave trails, sheep leave droppings, bees make honey, and humans leave two things: art and garbage. Where these meet is called entertainment. I am an entertainer.'

'As the scientists aboard research the effects of ice-melt on the ocean bed, and trace the possible mutation of the Gulf-stream through salination tests, we artists are being exposed to a landscape that cannot fail to affect our work.'

Also on the Cape Farewell Expedition was KT Tunstall, Brit Award winner for Best British Female Solo Artist. "KT Tunstall and I both wrote songs on the voyage. They are our response to what we experienced, even if they aren't the eco-anthems that the world urgently needs."

Before his 8.30pm solo show, at 5.30 pm (£3), Cape Farewell founder David Buckland will present their BBC film 'Art from a Changing Arctic', and afterwards will answer questions, along with Simon Boxall from the National Oceanography Centre and Alex Hartley, whose 'Nowhere Island' project won the Region's Artists Taking the Lead award and is part of the South West Cultural Olympiad.

Tickets (£12) are available from the www.marinetheatre.com or from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre telephone 01297 442138. Visit the website at: www.fossilfestival.com



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White Helmets to head this year's Melplash Show

THE White Helmets, the Royal Signals Motorcycle Display Team are the main attraction at this year's Melplash Show to be held at the West Bay Show Ground on Thursday August 26th.

Acknowledged as the oldest, best known and most accomplished motorcycle display team in the country if not the world, the team consist of 30 volunteers who tour the UK from April to September every year.

The other main ring attraction is the Rockwood Dog Display Team. Their display includes some spectacular stunts such as tight rope walking, fire retrieving, hoop jumping and a unique backwards recall, which needs to be seen to be believed!

Arrangements for this year's show are well in hand with the livestock, equine, horticultural, floral and handicraft competitions planned. Schedules will be available shortly from the Show office, where it is the intention this year to make the schedules and application forms available on the Show website www.melplashshow.co.uk.

This year there are two exciting new cooking competitions, open to all amateur cooks, young and old.

'Best Curry', sponsored by the Bridport Taj Mahal and Sea Spring Seeds, West Bexington, and 'Best Fish Cake' sponsored by the Riverside Restaurant, West Bay, a follow on from their very successful fish soup competition last year.

To keep with the cooking theme, Valentine Warner will be a celebrity guest at the show.. He grew up on a farm in Dorset and remembers with affection visiting the Melplash Show in his youth. He is now better known for his cookery skills following his successful BBC Two series, "What to Eat Now".

The Melplash Show will be once again running their 'Best Farm' competition which is open to all local farms, small, medium and large.

Prizes are given to the best large, medium and small farm, under the three categories of The categories include Best Farm, Best Ley and Best Conservation.

Best Farm - profitability of the farm, potential and future earnings, the farming system, crops, livestock, machinery, tidiness, etc.

Best Ley – quality of young grass sown in last two to three years

Best Conservation – whether the farm demonstrates a good track record of environmental best practice alongside the commercial farm business eg development of natural features on the farm, hedgerows, tree planting, ponds, provision of unproductive areas for wildlife, care of indigenous plants, insects, birds, etc.

The popular Flock competition which is open to any local small holding or farmer who keeps sheep will be run again with the usual categories: over 300 ewes, 51-300 ewes and 15-20 ewes. The judge, among other things, will be looking for good husbandry and profitability.

Entry forms are available now, and judging will take place in mid June.

As well as the classes on the day to find the best locally grown vegetables and flowers, the Agricultural Society's Gardens competition provides all local gardeners, whether small, medium or large, the opportunity to get their hard work in the garden recognised. Applications forms are available now and judging will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday June 15th and 16th.

Any further information about this year's Show can be obtained from the Show Secretary, Anita Ford details at the show office 23, South Street or on 01308 423337 or by e-mail secretary@melplashshow.co.uk

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

IT is not only the countryside that comes back to life in the spring; poets do so too. Here are two new poems sent in by readers living in the Dorchester area. The first one was written by Frank Whillock after seeing again the annual display of snowdrops at Compton Valance.

Snowdrops in Compton Lane

Walking along the country lane,
Ravaged by winter's snow and rain,
Through bare trees tracery the sun shone bright
On the banks of snowdrops, carpet white.

Gentle flower, whose strong back pushes
Through the debris 'neath the bushes,
Each one bowed in welcoming
The long-awaited birth of spring.

On either side along the banks
The white massed choir was giving thanks
For rising again into the light
And giving me this wondrous sight.

But lo! A clump in lonely state
Has settled by the meadow gate.
But where e'er they are they will appear
And grace the scene again next year.

Our second verse was submitted by Sammy Michael Davis.

The Piddle Valley in the Spring

Changing skies and changing colour
Over wide-flung upland ways,
Here a flush of luscious amber,
There a mist of tender greys,
And the stream a line of silver
Shimmers through the springtime haze.
Far above, the fair fields mingle
With the tender hue of sky,
Far below the little shadows
Cool in green recesses lie,
Bend the tall reeds lush and slender
To the waters gliding by.

Here is space as wide and boundless as the rolling sea,
Where the wild winds roam unfettered
In their playful ecstasy,
And the sun's rays fall unsullied
Through the pure air full and free
Winds the road, a sheening ribbon,
Through the meads and up the hills,
Over bridges quaint and olden
By farms and a water mill
Lost at last in trembling blueness
That the eye with glory fills.

To those of you who write in, I would like to thank you for your kind remarks and your verses. Please keep your contributions coming but please try to keep your poems short enough for us to use (not more than about 24 lines).

The third springtime poem is by Philip Larkin. We know Larkin is *not* one of our readers because he died 25 years ago, but Larkin and I both lived in Hull in the 1940s and we were both fans of Dorset's own Thomas Hardy and both lovers of American Jazz.

The Trees

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: "Poetry for Pleasure", Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF.
Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

THE BEST VARIETY

'VARIETY in the Palace' on Saturday, April 30th is a fabulous family show that will be performing at the Electric Palace for one night only before it heads to London's Roundhouse for 5 nights, to play alongside circus greats such as Gerry Cottle and Trash City!

With ten skilful performers taking to the stage, this is quality family entertainment at its best and will amaze and amuse audiences of all ages with original live music, circus tricksters, top turns, riotous routines and most importantly lots and lots of laughs!

Blending the weird and the wonderful with the essence of old style music hall and serving a delicious combination of stunts with cutting edge comedy cabaret.

A real family show, Variety at the Palace is suitable for little ones as well as Grandparents and features traditional skills such as clowning, plate spinning, juggling and music.

This spectacular family comedy show is rescuing the spirit of the end of the pier and bottling it for the generations of tomorrow.

Tickets are on sale from Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901 £10 standard / £5 members and under 12s / £24 family ticket

VARIETY in the Palace will feature ten skilful performers

Wyld makes 'A Bed Among Lentils'

ACTRESS Jan Wyld is the shining star of Churchill Productions, and performed at the Electric Palace last year in Jim Cartwright's 'Two'. Wyld is returning to the Palace for a solo performance of Alan Bennett's A Bed Among The Lentils on Saturday, May 1st.

Written by Bennett for TV as part of his prolific 'Talking Heads' series for the BBC, the part of Susan, a provincial vicar's wife, was made famous by Dame Maggie Smith in her television performance in 1989 and again on stage in 1996.

The challenge to perform a character such as Susan allows Wyld to fulfil her true acting potential in a 45 minute solo performance. Wyld takes what Smith created twenty years ago and adds her own edge to make the role truly her own.

As Susan, she is a woman let down by life and God. Her secret fondness for altar wine and a young Indian grocer with good legs and teeth relieves the tedium of days among sanctimonious parish matrons where flower arranging ranks as a competitive sport. "One sees them so often in England, those women," she says. "You know them automatically."

Playwright Alan Bennett, perhaps most famous as the primary author of the sixties revue "Beyond the Fringe," shows as much sense of comic irony here as he does in that landmark production, and just as much precision with language.

Behind the smart remarks, quips, and self-deprecation is an immense sadness, and when portrayed by a versatile actress such as Jan Wyld, Susan becomes a character of sympathy as well as comic irony. As she explores life with Ramesh but continues to fulfill her role as Mrs. Vicar, the audience sees that despite her frustration Susan is at heart a vicar's wife. Filled with satirical observations and powerful emotions, this brilliant monologue portrays a life both comic and tragic.

Jan Wyld will perform A Bed Among The Lentils at the Electric Palace on Saturday, May 1st at 8pm. The play is only 45 minutes allowing the audience to continue evening plans after the show. Tickets are just £6 and are available from Bridport TIC on 01308 424901.

THE Lyme Bay Chorale group which is set to perform at St Michael's Church on Saturday, May 8th *photo by Maisie Hill*

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Band looking for guitarist

A NEW local band are looking for a guitarist, between the ages of 17 and 22.

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Applicants must have their own guitar and amp. Backing vocal ability a bonus, but not essential.

Own transport also necessary.

If you think you fit the bill email lrnewband@gmail.com.

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Shock exits for Corrie favourites

TWO of Coronation Street's most popular characters, Ashley and Claire Peacock, are to be written out of the long-running soap by the end of the year.

Actors Steven Arnold and Julia Howarth are said to be "fuming" and "shocked" by the decision, which follows talks with the show's new producer Phil Collinson.

In a statement Phil said: "Ashley and Clare Peacock have been part of the fabric of Weatherfield for many years but like any community, people come and go. Both actors and myself felt that we had reached a crossroads with the characters, to the point that as actors they were not being fulfilled and stories were harder to find.

"We mutually decided to start working towards an exit for the Peacock family, giving the actors the chance to explore new opportunities and for us to devise a dramatic exit storyline. I wish Steven and Julia, and of course the young boys who play Josh and Freddie, all the best for the future."

The decision is reported to be mutual, although there are rumours the two actors initially approached the new producer to ask for meatier storylines.

An ITV spokesperson said: "Julia and Steven are to leave the show but contrary to some press reports, there has been no confrontation with the show producer Phil Collinson. All parties agreed this was the right time to say goodbye to the street's Peacock family."

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE The Peacock's are to be written out

GRUMPY Adrian Chiles' shock decision to defect to TV has sparked speculation about major changes that will be made at the channel.

The four-year deal, worth £6million, comes following the BBC's decision to bring in Chris Evans for the Friday editions of The One Show

After five years, presenter Ben Shephard has resigned from his role as GMTV host. A statement released this week read: "Ben's two-year contract with GMTV is up at the end of April. Earlier this year, his management made it clear that he would not be renewing it, but would be happy to stay on temporarily during this transitional period.

"Ben is excited about moving on after ten incredible years and will be focusing on a number of new projects with ITV and other channels."

CHANGING SIDES | Chiles' defection could affect major changes at ITV

OVER 40 British stars have signed a letter asking voters to save the BBC.

Artists including Catherine Tate, John Barrowman, Meera Syal, Stephen Merchant and Eddie Izzard are urging voters to consider the consequences of voting for certain political parties on election day in order to save the "most important cultural organisation in Britain and an indispensable part of our society".

The letter in The Observer concerns a threat by the Conservative shadow culture secretary Jeremy Hunt to disband the BBC's governing body, the BBC Trust, and cut the licence fee. The letter also claims opposition politicians have a "cavalier attitude towards the BBC's independence".

by Philip Evans

SAVE THE BBC Eddie Izzard and co are looking for voters' help to save the Beeb

"MUSEUMS AT NIGHT" TO LIGHT UP DORCHESTER

"MUSEUMS at Night" is coming to Dorchester in a big way on Saturday May 15th.

The historic county town of Dorset boasts no fewer than six superb museums and this event will see all six museums open from 5pm to 9pm. Added to that there is a special ticket for that evening only of just £6 for admission to all six museums.

Dorchester has a cornucopia of museums to surprise and delight any visitor. They focus on a fantastic range of topics and themes from Romans to Tutankhamun, from teddy bears to Thomas Hardy, from Dorset's military history to the terracotta army, and from dinosaurs to Dorchester's history.

Museums at Night promises to be a very special night offering families and individuals an unrivalled opportunity to explore and discover.

Dorchester is just seven miles from the Jurassic Coast and the award winning Dinosaur Museum with its Jurassic Dinosaurs Trail is a treat for children. There are hands on and multimedia displays, together with fossils, prehistoric skeletons and life-size dinosaur reconstructions.

The Jurassic theme continues in Dorset County Museum's Jurassic Coast Gallery. This award winning museum has a Victorian Hall, Roman mosaics, and Thomas Hardy's study. Six thousand years of Dorchester's history are presented, combined with displays on Maiden Castle and Dorset Archaeology. Add to this interactives, museum trails and audio guides.

The Tutankhamun Exhibition pulls all the various strands of this fascinating tale together. This internationally renowned exhibition superbly recreates the world's greatest discovery of ancient treasure - Tutankhamun's tomb, treasures and mummy.

The Keep Military Museum is a modern military museum that uses interactive computers and creative displays to tell the stories of courage, humour, tradition and sacrifice of those who served in the regiments of Devon and Dorset for over 300 years.

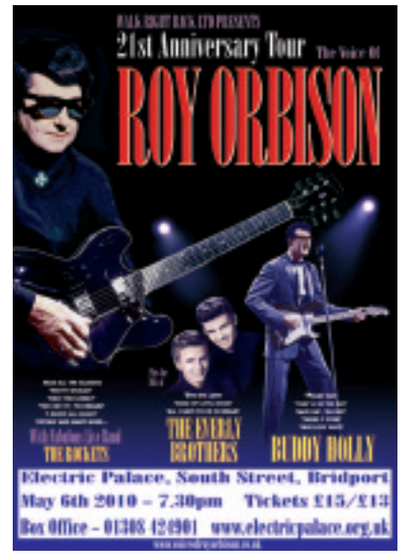
In the Teddy Bear Museum, marvel at the evocative and atmospheric displays of the history of the teddy bear featuring examples from the very earliest up to the present day. The museum is set in the 'home' of Edward Bear and his extended family of human sized teddy bears.

Finally a real gem of a museum is The Terracotta Warriors Museum. It is the only museum devoted to the terracotta warriors - now regarded as the 8th Wonder of the Ancient World - outside of China. See unique museum replicas of the terracotta warriors from China, plus reconstructions of costumes and armour and multimedia presentations.

Museums at Night brings all this together for you to explore and experience. Six museums for just £6 and that applies whether you are an individual, a couple or a family of up to 2 adults and 4 children!

For those who want to relax with a drink and a bite to eat on the evening, several cafes, restaurants and pubs in the centre of Dorchester are linking in with Museums at Night by having special offers for those on the museum trail. So far those involved are Char Chars, Costa Coffee, The Horse with the Red Umbrella, Jagos, The Kings Arms, Siam Corner and Taste.

All museums and eateries are in the centre of Dorchester within easy walking distance. Advance tickets are on sale from any of the museums involved or the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre.



'The Voice of Roy Orbison' comes to Bridport

IT is hard to believe that it is now 21 years since Roy Orbison died. To mark this occasion 'Walk Right Back Ltd' presents a special anniversary show at The Electric Palace Theatre, Bridport on May 6th at 7.30pm featuring the best loved hits of the man in dark glasses known as 'The Big O' together with support from two hugely successful artists of this era, The Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly.

From his first hit 'Ooby Dooby' in 1956 until his death, in the words of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison was simply 'The greatest singer in the world.' His career spanned four decades with hits 'Only the Lonely', 'Running Scared', 'Crying', 'Dream Baby', 'In Dreams' and 'It's Over' which was his first UK No. 1. Then came the biggest selling record of his career 'Oh, Pretty Woman' which saw sales of 7 million records.

Roy Orbison was a true balladeer, with his hauntingly beautiful songs. The 1980's saw a new era of success for Roy with hits such as 'You Got It', 'I Drove All Night' and a remake of the track 'Crying' with KD Lang. He was also in a hugely successful collaboration called 'The Traveling Wilburys' alongside Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and George Harrison. In 1987 he was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Damien Edwards is undoubtedly the UK's number one tribute artist to Roy Orbison having played Roy, to great acclaim, in Bill Kenwright's 'The official Roy Orbison story' four times between 2000 and 2004 and Orbison in the productions 'Four Steps to Heaven' and more recently in 2008's 'The Concert They Never Gave'. From the growl of pretty woman to the soaring falsetto of 'It's Over', his vocal talent is no less than exceptional.

With support from Tim Harwood from the West End as Buddy Holly and the internationally acclaimed Everlys Experience, their moving and accurate portrayals to these icons have seen them appear at The London Palladium to The Edinburgh Playhouse and across Europe. Hear all of your favourite hits spanning these incredible decades of music: 'Only The Lonely', 'Wake Up Little Suzie', 'Peggy Sue' 'Pretty Woman' 'Cathy's Clown, 'Rave On' … in over 2 hours of non stop hits!. Together with live backing band 'The Rockets' , they will have you singing your most loved tunes, stomping your feet and shouting for more.

'The Voice of Roy Orbison' is appearing at The Electric Palace Theatre, South St, Bridport on Thursday May 6th at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £15 and £13 (Electric Palace Members) and are available in person at Bridport Tourist Information or from the Box Office on 01308 424901.

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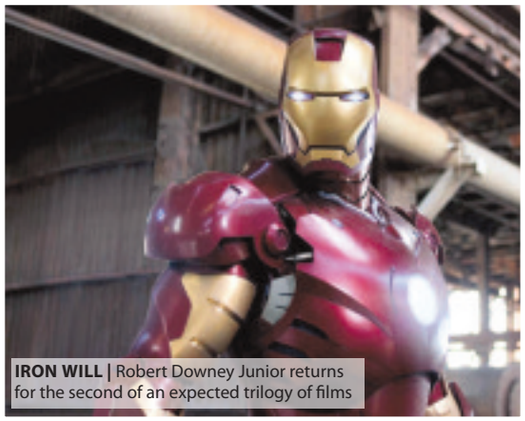
Downey jr returns as the Iron Man

"IRON Man 2" (12A) – sequel to the popular 2008 film – is a superhero action film based on the Marvel Comics character, Iron Man. Industrialist and engineer, Tony Stark, played by Robert Downey Junior, is now known by the world as the Iron Man and under pressure from the government, press and public to reveal the secrets behind his armour.

Fearing the information will slip into the wrong hands, Stark makes alliances with Pepper Pots (Gwenyth Paltrow) and James "Rhodey" Rhodes (Don Cheadle), to confront new forces.

The film is the second in an expected trilogy.

Released Friday, April 30th with previews at selected cinemas on Thursday, April 29th



IRON WILL | Robert Downey Junior returns for the second of an expected trilogy of films

TWO ex-convicts kidnap a young woman in British thriller "The Disappearance of Alice Creed" (18).

Danny and Vic, played by Martin Compston and Eddie Marsan, hope to receive a huge ransom for Alice, played by Gemma Arterton, who is the daughter of a rich businessman.

At first, Alice is terrified but she soon makes it clear she won't be used to make them money without a fight and the kidnappers' foolproof plan descends into a fight for survival.

Released Friday, April 30th

COMING of age drama "The Last Song" (PG) stars American pop princess Miley Cyrus as 17-year-old rebel Ronnie Miller.

Based on the Nicholas Sparks novel of the same name, the film follows Ronnie as she is sent to spend summer with her estranged father, who she hasn't spoken to since her parents' divorce.

A former piano prodigy, Ronnie now refuses to touch the instrument or attend a prestigious music college, much to her father's dismay. But all is about to change over summer, as Ronnie falls in love with the popular, handsome Will Blakelee, played by Liam Hemsworth, and reconnects with her father through the one thing they have in common – music.

Released Friday, April 30th

by Francesca Evans

THE LAST SONG | Miley Cyrus stars as rebellious piano prodigy Ronnie Miller

CINEMA LISTINGS

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Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.25
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Astro Boy (PG) Sat: 10.20
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ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGES

Corsets and Crinolines at Fashion Show

A RARE opportunity to examine close up all that the Victorian lady had to endure in order to be fashionable: - The frills and furbelows, button boots and bonnets, corsets, crinolines and unmentionables, along with beautiful embroidery, beadwork, pintucks and lace. All will be revealed in a Fashion Show of authentic 19th century clothes modelled live. Corsets 'n' Crinolines begins at 7.30pm on Saturday May 1st, at the United Church Hall in Bridport and is being put on by Theresa Weller and her team of young men and women. The show is in support of the charity 'Help for Heroes'. Tickets can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in South Street, Bridport.

Another great Piano Concert in Whitchurch

PROFESSOR Patsy Toh of the Royal Academy of Music will be giving a concert on Saturday, May 1st at The Church of St Candida, Whitchurch Canonicorum. Patsy was born in Shanghai, China. In 1948, at the age of 8, she won first prize in the Hong Kong Music Competition. In 1952 at the age of 12 Patsy came to boarding school in England and at 16 entered the Royal Academy of Music. While still a student she won the Royal Overseas League Competition in London. Patsy Toh was awarded a Scholarship to study with the renowned French pianist Yvonne Lefébure at the Paris Conservatoire , where she won a Premier Prix. She also studied with Alfred Cortot, Dame Myra Hess and Aube Tzerko (a pupil of Artur Schnabel).

Patsy has performed often in Europe, China and the Americas. She has served as a Professor of Piano at the Royal Academy of Music and has taught at Purcell and Yehudi Menuhin Schools. Besides solo performances, she has collaborated with many string players and instrumentalists in festivals which include Aspen, Prussia Cove, Aldeburgh and Gubbio. She was recently made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music . She is married to the internationally-acclaimed concert pianist Fou Ts'ong and lives in London.

Patsy's programme for this event will include pieces by Schumann - Waldenscenen and Obegg variations, and Chopin - b flat Schertzo, 4 Mazurkas, Fantasie op49.

All concerts start at 7.30 pm, tickets cost £7 each and are available on the door. Refreshments are provided, and do bring a cushion – the pews are hard! For more details contact Cynthia Bain 01298 489629.

The Royal Manor Theatre to present Coward's *Blithe Spirit*

AFTER the Royal Manor Theatre's successful revival of 'Educating Rita' in March this year, rehearsals are going apace for 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward, which was first performed in the Portland theatre in 1982. Interestingly, Beryl Clafton who is directing this production, starred in that 1982 show as Madame Arcati.

This sophisticated comedy was first performed at the Opera House, Manchester in 1941 prior to a London run. Now you have the opportunity to enjoy this play, which runs from Monday 17th to Saturday, May 22nd inclusive. Doors open at 7.00pm, with the show beginning at 7.30pm each evening.

Tickets cost £8 for Adults, £7 for Seniors and £4 for Children. Tickets will be available from R.T Cards in Easton on Portland, or Danny's in Fortuneswell Portland from the 10th May. Advance reservations may also be made via the box office on: 01305 860792. Or, book on-line right now, at: www.rmtcportland.co.uk.

Forthcoming productions include 'The Memory of Water' in early September, and the Dorset Corset Theatre Company with 'Frankenstein, the year without a summer' on Friday 8th October. Then, in December, it'll be panto time where Cinderella will entertain you.

Play readings are still taking place, for anyone who'd like to try their hand at reading some great plays, all in good company. For details, please call 01305 834120.

Stackridge to play at the Woodmead Halls with special Canadian support

QUIRKY, Eccentric, Eclectic! *Stackridge* are the West Country's answer to the Bonzo's. They were the opening band at the first Glastonbury Festival, and were then produced by Beatles mentor, Sir George Martin. They are set to headline the May 'Legends Return' show at Lyme Regis' Woodmead Halls on Saturday (May 1st).

Still retaining their unique mix of charm and intelligence, their new album, A Victory for Common Sense, sees them sounding as fresh and contemporary as bands half their age. Strange and wonderful, this collection of songs emphasises their talent for writing memorable melodies and playful, poignant lyrics, and hailed as being among the most significant releases of the decade.

A full supporting show comes from Canadian and rocky power pop band *Mosquito-B*, on their first ever UK Tour. This band is tipped to top the world, catch them now, this is probably the last chance to see them live in Lyme Regis. On home ground they play to packed audiences, including radio and television, across Canada and the USA. New album featured in UK shows: 'Killing Mars' Mosquito-B is not a support band, this gig is a Double-Header!

Tickets are on sale at the Tourist Information Centre, 01297 442138 and by PayPal at this page on our website: http://www.lymeregis.tv/legends.html

For updates on shows and support acts, join the Facebook page: Legends Return to Lyme Regis

If you would like to be in line for one of the 'Legends' forthcoming Free Tickets Competitions, join the 'Legends' Mailing List, by sending an email to: legendsreturn@live.co.uk

Craft, food and plant fair at Kingston Maurward

ON Sunday, May 9th, Kingston Maurward College, one mile East of Dorchester on the A35, will play host to the 7th Annual Plant, Craft and Food Fair. With the entrance price including the formal gardens and animal park, it makes for a fantastic family day out.

Whilst the keen gardeners will be happy mooching around the plant stands, there will also be a fabulous selection of craft and food stands to browse. Buy a special gift or treat yourself. Plus refreshments will be available all day with hot food available all day including a hog roast stand.

Admission to the fair will cost adults just £2.50 and seniors £1.50. Remember this includes entry to the Gardens and Animal Park for the day, making it half price on the normal entry charges.

Why not pop along and browse the stalls, wonder aimlessly around the gardens, meet the animals and enjoy a hog roast roll for your lunch with a pint from the Piddle Brewery. Sounds like a pretty perfect day to me!

Traders should contact Verity Bamlet on 07977 079144 for further information.

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Diary Dates

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Dorchester: Quangle Wangle Concert in aid of Help the Aged Dorset at United Church from 7.30pm. Advanced tickets from 01305 768635 or ww.wegottickets.com. For more information visit www.qwchoir.co.uk/
Bridport: Allington Strings Spring Concert/Vivaldi 4 Seasons from 7.30pm at St John's Church, West Bay. Telephone 01308 455617 for more details.
Musbury: Musbury Show PlantSale at Musbury Village Hall from 9.30am - 12noon. Telephone 01297 551556.

SUNDAY MAY 2nd
Puddletown: Dorset Plant Heritage Plant Sale at Athelhampton House near Puddletown. Specialist nurseries, free parking, refreshments, an opportunity to look round the lovely Grade 1 listed gardens and to buy rare/unusual plants! Admission free to members, concessions with Plant Heritage programme leaflets. Telephone 01305 848224 for more details.
Charmouth: Cream Teas at St Andrews Community Hall from 2pm - 5pm (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.

MONDAY MAY 3rd
Beaminster: MacMillan support Plant Fair at Beaminster Public Hall from 10 - 3.30pm. Telephone 01308 862205 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 7th
Lyme Regis: An A/V presentation by Ken Ayres at Woodmead Halls, organised by Lyme Bay Photgraphic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY MAY 8th
Bridport: Big Cash Prize Charity Quiz at the King's Head, Bradpole from 8.30pm prompt. £10 per team (max 4 per team). Tere will also be a raffle and Chinese bingo. All proceeds to Joseph Weld Hospice. Book on 01308 425023 or 422520.
Mosterton: Mosterton May Fayre at Mosterton Village Hall from 1.30pm. Telephone 01308 868631 for more details.
Bridport: Tea Dance at St Swithun's Church Vestry from 3pm - 5pm. Telephone 01308 424880 for more details.
Portland: Royal Manor Workshops are holding a 'Have-a-go' day at St George's Centre, Easton from 10am - 4pm. Admission free. Telephone 01305 823242 for more details.
Bridport: NCT Nearly New Sale (National Childbirth Trust). Baby and toddler gear. Entry £1 includes a goody bag, refreshments will be available. From 2-4pm at Colfox School. Telephone 01308 420093 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 9th
Litton Cheney: A Bit of ADo 2. Step back in time for a lazy afternoon fundraising event that promises you an array of historic vehicles, car rides, homemade clotted cream teas, pimms, stalls and the Rex Trevitt Big Band...you are invited to wear vintage dress to add to the event, though this is not compulsory! Something For everyone, and all are welcome. The event will kick off with a historic vehicle run at an earlier time from bridport, for further details of this please contact martin bell on 07939 172 615. At Litton Hall, School Lane.

THURSDAY MAY 13th
Weymouth: Tai Chi event at the Jubilee Enterprise Centre to raise funds for Bullying UK. In the large car park at the centre will be carrying out a morning tai chi session in the open air from 8.30am - 9am, then into Nutritrain Southwest for coffee, croissants etc for breakfast.

FRIDAY MAY 21st
Charmouth: Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes. (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.
Lyme Regis: Judging of two cups plus end of season awards at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 21st - SUNDAY MAY 23rd
Litton Cheney: Argentine Tango at Litton & Thorner's Community Hall. Telephone 01300 320007 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MAY 26th
Dorchester: Casterbridge Male Voice Choir open workshop. From 7 - 9pm at St Marys's Church Hall. Telephone 01305 774857 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 30th
Weymouth: Teddy Bears Picnic - free. At Greenhill Gardens from 2pm - 4.30pm. Telephone 01305 833469 for more details.
Salway Ash: Car Boot/Table Top Sale - come rain or shine! Gates/doors open at 2pm. £5 per vehicle or table. At Salway Ash Village Hall. Sellers arrive at midday. Entrance is free!. Telephone 01308 488170 or 488308 for more details.
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New Family History courses in Dorchester and Bridport

DORSET Adult Learning is offering a variety of new courses in Family History this summer term in Dorchester and Bridport. The courses take place in the Adult Learning Centre Dorchester, Government Buildings, Prince of Wales Rd., whilst Bridport courses take place in the Adult Learning Centre.

A two day beginners course Getting Back to 1837 - Saturday May 1st and 8th.

The course will be looking at civil registration of birth, deaths and marriages and census records from 1841 – 1911. Each session will include time in the IT suite.

Looking at Pre 1837 Records, Saturday May 15th and 29th

Looking at Parish Records, Poor Law Documents, Wills, Probate, Maps and ways of recording you research. Each session will include time in the IT suite.

More Pre 1837 Records, Tuesday June 8th and 15th or Saturday, June 12th and 19th

Topics include using record offices, family history societies, militia, land tax, quarter sessions, estate maps, tithe maps, trade directories etc. We will look at ways of organising and writing up you research.

Organising, Writing up and Presenting your Family History, Saturday June 5th and 26th The course will include ways of organising, presenting and writing up your research. There is time between the sessions to complete a project to present in the second session. Not appropriate for beginners.

Using Power Point for Family History, Tuesday June 1st in Dorchester or Thursday June 3rd in Bridport.

This is a practical session on how to use Power Point to illustrate your family history research and share with family and friends. Take some documents, photos to use via a usb memory stick.

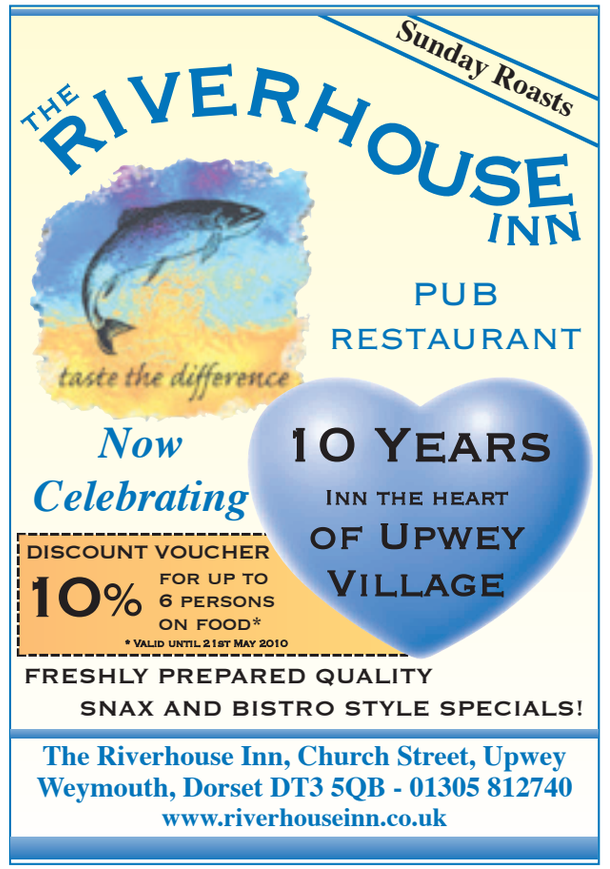
Researching Ancestors Online, Wednesday June 2nd in Dorchester or Friday June 4th in Bridport.

You will be able to access various subscription websites and plan your own research for the day with time to discuss, solve problems and brickwalls. This is not a how to research your family history day.

The tutor will make references to the sources available to learners at the libraries and the Dorset History Centre.

Drinks are available in the buildings and most students bring their lunch with them. All courses run from 10am – 4pm with a break for lunch.

For more information about the courses contact Dorset Adult Learning on 0800 262648



THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN...

Villages in Action present *Those Magnificent Men* on Friday, April 30th. This classic tale of plucky British pioneers – Captain John Alcock, dashing WW1 fighter pilot, and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten Brown, navigational genius, with a gammy leg. Huddled together against the elements in the tiny timber and canvas cockpit of their converted Vickers Vimy biplane – talk about winging it!

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Those Magnificent Men takes place at Uplyme Village Hall from 7.30pm. Ticket prices are, £7 for adults, £5 for children and concessions and £19 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 Children).

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Quality lifestyle opportunity

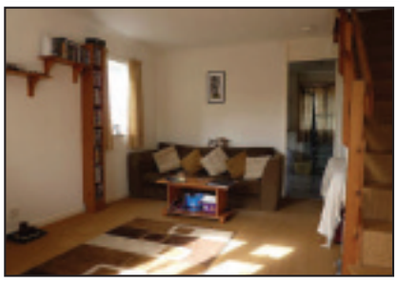
NESTLING in the heart of Poundbury "Village" is this unique property offering a well established retail business along with substantial residential accommodation.

Magpie is a long established retail brand specialising in quality gifts, stationery, luxury accessories, small furniture and vintage style home and garden ware. The premises are located adjacent to the thriving Pummery Square in Poundbury, with its café society and local shops, and itself offers visible, extensive shop frontage.

The beautiful living accommodation, with its own private entrance, is arranged over two floors and comprises elegantly proportioned rooms with sitting room with southerly facing balcony and open fire, four double bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms and kitchen/dining room.

Outside there is a generous walled courtyard garden, currently used to display the garden ware and a double garage. For further details of this splendid property contact Bartle Pye Residential on 01305 230477.

Pretty two bedroom semi detached property



41 Queens Walk is situated in a popular residential area and is a short distance from all the facilities Lyme Regis has to offer.

The property with a lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms and bathroom also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. The enclosed rear garden features patio and decked barbeque area and wooden shed. The rear gate gives access to two parking spaces.

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- Large bathroom with shower
- uPVC double glazed conservatory & windows
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- Front & rear gardens

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- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

LYME REGIS - £197,500

- Open-plan living room/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Night-storage heating
- Double-glazed windows
- Communal gardens
- car-parking space
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- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Views towards Stonebarrow Hill

MORCOMBELAKE £495,000

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CHARMOUTH £279,950

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CHARMOUTH - £349,500

A well proportioned 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens

- Entrance Hall
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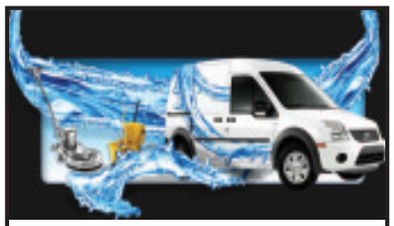

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THE first ever Police-spec XF is about to go on patrol across the Midlands. The Central Motorway Police Group, which patrols motorways across Staffordshire, Mercia and the West Midlands has bought seven high performance Police vehicles based on the award-winning Jaguar XF Diesel S model.

The Police-specification Jaguars feature the 275PS 3.0-litre Diesel S engine.

A roof mounted light bar with 3600 blue flashing lights and integrated side alley lights, blue and white flashing LED lights inside the front grille, side mounted blue flashing LED lights, blue and red flashing LED lights integrated in the rear light clusters and a Home Office-specification electronics 'Police pack' that powers a full suite of electronic equipment help make these cars the ultimate Police vehicles.

Geoff Cousins, Managing Director for Jaguar Cars UK, said: "Police drivers demand the very best from their vehicles – power, performance, safety and comfort are all very important, while their fleet managers are looking at good environmental credentials and strong residual values to ensure value for money.

"Police forces across the country have been evaluating the XF and we are delighted that the team at the Central Motorway Police Group has chosen Jaguar to join its fleet."

The Jaguar XF beats other contenders with a fuel economy figure of 42mpg and an excellent CO2 rating of 179 g/km. The XF's residual value is a key factor in making it a financially sound choice for police forces. Research carried out by Eurotax-Glass's suggest the new 3.0-litre XF will retain an impressive 80 per cent of its purchase price after 12 months or 14,000 miles which makes it the best in class, and an astonishing 45 per cent of its value after three years and 60,000 miles of motoring.

The seven XFs will be put to work immediately throughout the Midlands.

JAGUAR ACHIEVES ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR NEW XJ MODEL

Jaguar has received certification from the VCA (Vehicle Certification Agency) for a comprehensive 'cradle-to-grave' study which analyses the environmental impact of its exciting new lightweight XJ model. The detailed lifecycle study will help accelerate the development of the next generation of more sustainable Jaguars, and highlights the company's progress in reducing the carbon footprint of its products.

The lifecycle assessment of the latest XJ was fully audited and approved by the VCA, making Jaguar one of the few vehicle manufacturers to have completed an officially recognised study of the environmental impact of a vehicle – from manufacturing, through a lifetime of customer use, to ultimate disposal and recycling.

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Brown going down says White Van Man

NEARLY half of Britain's White Van Man drivers, that were asked, would offer David Cameron a job tomorrow.

The poll by leading van insurer, Express Insurance (www.expressinsurance.co.uk), found Nick Clegg, the second most employable of the three main party leaders with 31 percent, and Gordon Brown the least, with 22 percent.

Worse still for the Prime Minister, 8 out of 10 White Van Man voters have no confidence in him continuing as leader of the Labour Party.

As a nod to the political apathy in the aftermath of the expenses scandal, almost 13 percent of the nation's plumbers, electricians, builders and delivery drivers that were asked said that they will not cast a vote for anyone on May 6th. A further 12 percent of replies who showed an affiliation to a certain party said they would not actually vote.

Although Cameron's Conservatives currently have 27 percent of the White Van Man ballot box, ten percent ahead of Labour, and fourteen in front of the Lib Dems, Independent candidates will secure 1 in 10 votes according to the Express Insurance poll.

Ford Fiesta upgrades set to keep UK favourite at number one

SAFETY, technology and powertrain upgrades are being added to the highly successful Ford Fiesta range. Already number one in the UK sales charts, the Fiesta range is being further enhanced to keep Britain's favourite small car in pole position.

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Bus stop warning system proves potential to save children's lives

A new warning system developed in Sweden has demonstrated its potential to save lives of British schoolchildren in a series of trials in Scotland. The Amparo SeeMe® system uses an automatic radio 'tag', attached to a child's school bag to trigger solar-powered warning lights on bus stops or at crossings, to warn drivers that schoolchildren are in the vicinity.

The first UK trials of the SeeMe®warning system took place in Aberdeenshire, where sadly two young lives were lost in 2008 after children were struck by cars when they stepped off school buses. While SeeMe® is fully CE-certified and adheres to EN12352; Scottish Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson took advantage of devolution to ensure that the SeeMe®equipment was evaluated as rapidly as possible ahead of full UK homologation by the Department for Transport.

The interactive bus stops, which issue a warning signal when children are boarding or leaving a school vehicle, are being tested in Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray. Local authority surveys report that the flashing warning signs activated by a signal from the transponder in the pupils' schoolbags have reduced driver speeds by up to 13%, from 53mph to 45mph when the signs were flashing. Pupils also reported a reduction in the number of cars overtaking school buses which have stopped to pick up or drop off children.

The first stage of the pilot scheme was launched in May last year and ran for several months. The signs were brought back for a second phase in February. Local parents reported that 76% had noticed the signs and 86% felt they helped to alert them to the presence of schoolchildren.

Across the UK, DfT figures show that 28,126 children aged 0-15 years were injured in road accidents. 3,331 of these were seriously injured and 141 were killed. These include 11,250 child pedestrian casualties, which included 63 fatalities. It is particularly noteworthy that while the number of children killed or seriously injured (KSI) in cycling accidents has fallen by 53% and as car passengers have fallen by 54%, the number of KSI accidents for child pedestrians in the UK has fallen by just 46%.

The Amparo SeeMe®system is used across Sweden, including areas north of the Arctic Circle, but in particular it has been in use for the past three years at locations in Southern Sweden; near Eslöv, Gothenberg and Uppsala. They are each in areas which are at around the same latitude as northern England and thus have similar weather and seasonal lighting conditions.

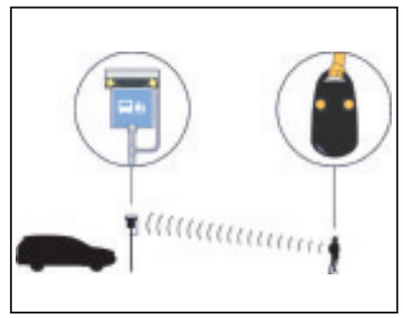
In addition to Scandinavia and Scotland, the SeeMe®system is being launched worldwide, with new trials beginning as far afield as Ireland and Australia. "The SeeMe®system has just been approved by the Irish Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority and we can see an immediate demand for the SeeMe®system in Ireland" says Niall O'Byrne at Synoptix Traffic Solutions Ltd. Deon Fourie, product manager at Saferoads Pty Ltd in Australia is equally excited "We welcome the results of the trials in Scotland and look forward to letting also children in Australia take advantage of the safety benefits the SeeMe®system has proven to deliver."

"SeeMe®is an efficient measure for increased safety at bus stops, a tested and verified solution in use all over Sweden today" says Leon Nilsson, the COO of Amparo Solutions. "Keeping it simple means a cost-efficient solution with low maintenance. It is also easily adaptable to changing needs, for example if the bus stop needs to be moved, no investment in infrastructure such as electrical supply is needed."

"Our experience is that the most dangerous situation is when the child is walking to or from the school or school bus, either on their way to the bus stop, crossing the road, or in connection with getting on or off the bus" says Nilsson. "The SeeMe®equipment can make a significant difference, in winter or summer, night or day.

There is a further advantage in that the system is a 'positive solution'. Its performance is based on driver recognition of a risk rather than an automatic response to a speed camera, making it much more effective.

"The introduction of a clear and simple safety measure by the local road authority demonstrates a positive action and generates goodwill rather than resentment, from other road users" says Nilsson. "With SeeMe®securing the school bus stop and school crossings, parents feel more secure and confident in allowing their children to walk, use public transport, or cycle to school instead of being driven".



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Vauxhall starts the electric charge as Ampera passes production milestone

THE Vauxhall Ampera passed an important milestone last Friday, when the first pre-production car rolled off the line at GM's Pre-Production Operations' assembly line in Warren, Michigan.

More validation Amperas will be built in coming months, and will be used by engineers in Europe and the United States for testing the production-intent design. The focus will be on developing the final vehicle software and controls, fine tuning the vehicles' driving characteristics, and performing safety and structural integrity testing.

"We're right on target for producing the Ampera for European markets later next year," said Andrew Farah, Vehicle Chief Engineer for Ampera. "There's still work to be done, but being able to drive an Ampera off our pre-production line is a great accomplishment for the teams here and in Europe."

The Ampera extended-range electric vehicle delivers up to 40 miles of pure electric driving before an engine-generator kicks in to sustain the battery charge and seamlessly extends the range to more than 300 miles. The battery can be charged by plugging the vehicle's on-board charge system into a standard household outlet. It is scheduled to be in UK showrooms by early 2012.

Jaguar achieves environmental certification for new XJ model

JAGUAR has received certification from the VCA (Vehicle Certification Agency) for a comprehensive 'cradle-to-grave' study which analyses the environmental impact of its exciting new lightweight XJ model. The detailed lifecycle study will help accelerate the development of the next generation of more sustainable Jaguars, and highlights the company's progress in reducing the carbon footprint of its products.

The lifecycle assessment of the latest XJ was fully audited and approved by the VCA, making Jaguar one of the few vehicle manufacturers to have completed an officially recognised study of the environmental impact of a vehicle – from manufacturing, through a lifetime of customer use, to ultimate disposal and recycling.

The comprehensive study will enable Jaguar to identify new opportunities to improve the sustainability of its vehicles, including developing the aerospace-inspired lightweight aluminium architecture which plays a central role in the outstanding performance and efficiency of the new XJ.

"VCA certification is an important milestone in Jaguar's mission to reduce the environmental impact of its products," says Tony Higgins, Project Leader for the XJ certification. "Detailed lifecycle assessment helps us understand more clearly the most effective ways of reducing each model's carbon footprint.

"Jaguar is committed to maintaining a leadership position in its approach to sustainability, and the certification achieved for the new XJ model is an independent validation of the progress we have made," he added.

Lifecycle Study Follows Leading Environmental Management Standards

The VCA certification involved an audit of each aspect of the lifecycle assessment carried out on the new Jaguar XJ, addressing product development, manufacturing processes and vehicle performance. This took account of the principles, requirements and guidelines for life cycle assessments as described in the International Standards ISO 14040:2006 and ISO 14044:2006. The audit also reviewed evidence of the integration of environmental aspects into the vehicle's design and development as described in ISO TR 14062:2002.

To give an accurate assessment of the environmental impact, thelife cycle study was based on the creation, use and disposal of a typical XJ vehicle over a specified lifetime (200,000km), including the materials used, material processing, assembly and transport during manufacturing.

As the first complete life cycle study carried out by Jaguar, the analysis provides a significant opportunity to increase understanding about the environmental impact of producing and using one of Jaguar's latest products, and to use this data to generate improvements within future vehicles.

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Seven-goal Seasiders crush Ilminster

SUPER SUB: John Kingston's two goals helped to edge White Horse a point closer to safety.

CALLING IT A DAY: Rodney Rowe will end his time in charge of Division Two side Uplyme.

DECIDER: Fred Thomson scored the goal which earned Lyme Reserves' Arthur Gage Final spot.

MIDWEEK ROUND-UP
DIVISION ONE
Ilminster Town Colts 5 (J. May, L. Lazenby, C. Stuckey, A. Fish, A. Male) West & Middle Chinnock 1 (M. Cawley), Netherbury 1 (M. Cuff) Lyme Regis Reserves 0, Perry Street Reserves 2 (K. Rowson, OG) Winsham United 3 (S. Scott 2, J. Simmons).
DIVISION TWO South Petherton 1 Norton Athletic 4 (L. Hockey 2, P. Churchill, A. Rose).
Wednesday, April 21st
DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Reserves 1 (R. Picketts) Chard United 0, Forton Rangers Reserves 0 Millwey Rise 4 (D. Larcombe 2, M. Knight, P. Otreba),

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP FINAL
(At Shepton Mallet)
Chew Valley Senior 0 South Petherton 2
SOUTH Petherton became the first Perry Street League team since Merriott Rovers back in 1993-94 to lift the Somerset Junior Cup when first-half goals from Lee Richards and Rich Hebditch sealed a 2-0 victory over Bath-based Chew Valley Seniors.

Thursday, April 22nd
DIVISION ONE
Ilm Colts 0 Thorncombe 1 (C. Tovey)
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers Reserves 0 Luso-Chard 3
DIVISION FOUR
Barrington Reserves 2 (J. Park, L. Oliver) Chard United Res 2 (S.Coombes, OG).

ARTHUR GAGE CUP
Semi-final
LYME Regis Reserves will face Perry Street Reserves in the 60th Arthur Gage Cup Final at Axminster Town's Sector lane on Friday, May 7th.
The Seasiders booked their place after a hard-fought 1-0 win at Netherbury.
Lyme had the better of the first-half and deservedly took the lead when Jason Hawker nodded Ally Rattenbury's cross back along the six-yard box where Fred Thomson's downward back post headed bounced high into the net giving Ambers' keeper Lee Cuff no chance. The hosts came back into the game and took the territorial advantage after the break but they couldn't find a way past a resolute and in form Lyme back five.

PREMIER DIVISION
APRIL 24th could well have proved to be the pivotal day in the Premier Division title race as the top four clashed. Second-placed Beaminster took on long-title title favourite South Petherton at the Memorial Ground.

Pethy, who lifted the Somerset Junior Cup on Wednesday evening at Shepton Mallet, took the early advantage when Rich Hebditch netted his 29th of the season with just 90 seconds on the clock.

That's how it stayed until the hour mark when Murray Leg, Beaminster's top-marksman, responded with his 26th of a fine season. The result was decided by Andy Southern who was summoned from the bench by outgoing Rainbows boss Paddy Ford and immediately announced his arrival by netting with just his second touch.

The hosts had a few anxious moments towards the end especially when Tristan Gale was red-carded for a second bookable offence by referee Richard Allen. But Beaminster held on to the delight of their supporters and manager Ford who said: "We knew we had to win this one to have any chance of finishing top – It was a good performance, now we have to do it all over again against Lyme in midweek." Petherton player-manager Karl Diment was realistic in defeat, he said: "My team gave their all in the cup Final on Wednesday and it showed. Beaminster were the stronger team in the second-half and deserved their win."

There was no slip up by the Lyme Regis on Saturday as they subjected Ilminster Reserves to their biggest home defeat for many years. The final 7-0 score line certainly didn't flatter Lyme who showed a clinical touch in front of goal which been lacking in recent matches.

Two Julien Simier goals by bisected by a superb half-volley chip by strike partner Joe Bond as the visitors cruised into a 3-0 interval lead. The second-half was also one-way traffic as Simier took his tally to 15 for the season with two more and own goal, followed by a cracker from Danny Prendeville, completed the carnage.

At the other end of the table Charmouth's goals against column moved into three figures as they were beaten 2-1 by Combe Reserves at Barrs Lane.

Crewkerne Town are however, still teetering on the brink. The Tigers went down to a 3-1 defeat against Barrington at Henhayes and, with a tough looking run-in could be facing the prospect of playing Division One football just two seasons after being crowned League Champs.

White Horse closed in on Crewkerne with a point from a topsy-turvy 3-3 draw with Merriott Rovers. The South Somerset side look set to gain revenge for a 4-1 thumping in the reverse fixture just seven days ago as they stormed into a 2-0 lead at the break through Barry Hayne and Nathan Davenport. But in-form Russell Weller bagged his fifth goal in six outings to reduce the arrears soon after the restart. The game was then turned on its head substitute John Kingston who netted twice to squeeze his side ahead at 3-2. It looked to be about to get even better when Sam Beaton was hooked down in the area – but referee Jeff Farley disagreed and waved away Horse penalty appeals. This proved decisive as Rovers surged up the other end and the points were shared when Hayne took his tally up to 17 for the season.

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	17	15	1	1	48	11	46
Beaminster	18	14	1	3	67	18	43
South Petherton	15	11	2	2	62	14	35
Barrington	19	9	3	7	39	46	30
Ilminster Town Res	19	8	4	7	51	40	28
Misterton	19	7	4	8	33	39	25
Merriott Rovers	17	8	1	8	36	44	25
Perry Street	20	7	3	10	36	52	24
Combe Reserves	19	7	2	10	34	39	23
Crewkerne Town	19	5	3	11	39	50	18
White Horse	19	4	4	11	33	47	16
Charmouth (R)	21	0	4	17	23	101	4

DIVISION ONE
SIX teams are still in the running for the two promotion places. West & Middle Chinnock remain in pole-position but were pegged back after trading points and penalties with rivals Winsham United after a 2-2 draw Bakers Field.

Things are looking bleak for bottom of the table Pymore as they were beaten 3-1 at home in a relegation battle with Perry Street Reserves. A Gavin Druce effort separated the sides at the turn-around before netted his first of the season to half Pymore back level. But the Mothers' top-scorer Kev Rowson decided to step up to the plate and struck twice to give his side three crucial points.

With games in hand Pymore's survival is at least in their own hands.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W & M Chinnock	14	9	3	2	51	32	30
Ilminster Colts	13	9	3	1	32	19	30
Winsham United	16	9	3	4	39	30	30
Forton Rangers	16	9	2	5	33	25	29
Netherbury	16	8	3	5	36	25	27
Farway United	14	7	5	2	34	17	26
Perry Street Res	14	4	2	8	32	39	14
Thorncombe	16	3	3	10	29	36	12
Lyme Regis Reserves	14	3	2	9	30	42	11
Chard Rangers	17	3	1	13	26	63	10
Pymore	12	2	3	7	16	30	9

DIVISION TWO
CONGRATULATIONS go to Millwey Rise who were crowned Division Two champions for the first time in their history following a 2-1 win at Beaminster Reserves.

The Rise unbeaten record looked in jeopardy as Josh Hunter put the Beaminster ahead. But Ashley Phillips leveler calmed the visitors' nerves before the interval. And the champagne was removed from the ice when Haydn Lewis netted what proved to be the title clincher.

NB: Beaminster lineman Mick Scully would like to put the record straight – he was not dismissed from the touchline in the Rainbows' first team's 3-1 defeat against Lyme Regis last month as reported in this column – the offending flagman was in fact Greg Channing – sorry Mick.

Drimpton won the battle of the relegated teams with Chard United – and in some style. Chris Rowswell (4) and Nick hole were on target as the Greens strolled to a 5-0 win finally to end a telling 16-game win less run.

Uplyme suffered a double blow not only were they well beaten 5-1 at home by Shepton Beauchamp but Manager Rodney Rowe and assistant Andy Cleere announced they would be standing down at the send of the season.

On the field Steve Gillan cancelled out a Shepton opener but the visitors purred to victory with goals from Rich Pippen, Sam Murley, Dan Smith, John Spendlow and Ryan Tett.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise (C)	15	14	1	0	52	16	43
Norton Athletic	17	11	2	4	61	32	35
Shepton Beau	14	8	2	4	45	20	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	17	8	2	7	57	49	26
Forton Rangers Res	17	7	5	5	35	30	26
Hinton St George	18	7	3	8	44	42	24
Beaminster Res	15	7	2	6	36	34	23
Uplyme	17	6	2	9	40	50	20
South Peth Res	16	4	6	6	40	37	18
Drimpton (R)	18	3	1	14	36	82	10
Chard United (R)	16	2	0	14	21	75	6

DIVISION THREE
Luso-Chard enjoyed their first ever visit to Lyme Regis' cliff-top Davey Fort Ground and returned home with a 3-2 win over Lyme Bantams.
Ben Strong put Lyme ahead before Ricardo Silva leveled. Marco Quedas put Luso ahead but back came Lyme through Jamie Jones and it was left to Luis Mesquita to secure the win for the visitors.

Goals from Ashley Hall, Jess Langdon and Levi Hoole gave Millwey Reserves a fine 3-1 win over Crewkerne Rangers.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch (P)	18	13	3	2	62	32	42
Fivehead United	17	8	3	6	32	27	27
Crewkerne Rangers	13	8	2	3	47	23	26
Luso-Chard	15	8	1	6	49	38	25
Millwey Rise Res	17	8	0	9	35	41	24
Misterton Reserves*	17	7	3	7	42	49	23
Lyme Bantams*	16	7	2	7	45	38	20
Crewkerne Reserves	13	5	4	4	29	24	19
Combe A	18	5	4	9	26	31	19
Shepton Reserves	18	5	3	10	34	47	18
Chard Rang Res (R)	16	2	1	13	20	71	7

* = points deducted

DIVISION FOUR
IT looks like Waytown Hounds will miss out on a debut-season promotion despite drawing 4-4 at top of the table Winsham Reserves. The West Dorset side led 4-2 before being forced the share the spoils. Tom Rutland (2), Gary Corry and Ethan Guppy scored for the Hounds.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Res	19	10	6	3	71	52	36
Chard United Ress	15	9	3	3	50	30	30
Waytown Hounds	17	9	2	6	59	38	29
Farway United Res	15	8	3	4	48	30	27
Barrington Reserves	18	8	3	7	52	48	27
Combe B	20	8	2	10	66	55	26
Ilminster Town A*	15	9	2	4	47	34	25
Hinton Reserves	18	7	4	7	37	47	25
Thorncombe Res*	17	5	4	8	36	44	16
Hawkchurch Res	19	3	3	13	31	62	12
Charmouth Res*	19	3	2	14	22	79	10

RESULTS
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at Shepton Mallet FC
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Premier Division
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Charmouth 1 Combe St Nicholas Reserves 2
Crewkerne 1 Barrington 3
Ilminster Town Reserves 0 Lyme Regis 7
White Horse 3 Merriott Rovers 3
Division One
Chard Rangers 1 Ilminster Town Colts 2
Pymore 1 Perry Street Reserves 3
Thorncombe 1 Forton Rangers 3
Winsham United 2 West & Middle Chinnock 2
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Beaminster Reserves 1 Millwey Rise 2
Drimpton 5 Chard United 0
Norton Athletic 2 Forton Rangers Reserves 2
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Uplyme 1 Shepton Beauchamp 5
Division Three
Combe A 1 Fivehead United 0
Lyme Bantams 2 Luso-Chard 3
Millwey Rise Reserves 3 Crewkerne Reserves 1
Shepton Reserves 2 Misterton Reserves 2
Division Four
Hawkchurch Reserves 1 Chard United Reserves 6
Winsham United Reserves 4 Waytown Hounds 4
Tuesday, April 27th
Kenny Hodges Cup Final
at Drimpton FC 6.15pm
Ilminster Town A v Winsham United Reserves
Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 4
South Petherton Res v West & Middle Chinnock
Premier Division
Lyme Regis v Beaminster
Division One
Perry Street Reserves v Farway United
Wednesday, April 28th
Premier Division
Charmouth v White Horse
Crewkerne v Merriott Rovers
Division One
Pymore v Winsham United
Division Two
Beaminster Reserves v Uplyme
Chard United v Shepton Beauchamp
Division Three
Chard Rangers Reserves v Crewkerne Rangers
Lyme Bantams v Hawkchurch
Thursday 29 April
Division One Cup Final at Bridport FC 7pm
Ilminster Town Colts v Netherbury
Division Three
Luso-Chard v Crewkerne Reserves
Friday, April 30th
Tommy Tabberer Cup Final
at Lyme Regis FC 6.15pm
Dowlish & Donyatt v Forton Rangers Reserves
Saturday, May 1st
All kick offs at 2.30pm unless stated
Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 3 2pm
Hinton St George v Lyme Regis Reserves
Pymore v Thorncombe
Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 4 2pm
Netherbury v Farway United
Premier Division
Barrington v Misterton
Combe Reserves v Ilminster Town Reserves
Crewkerne v South Petherton
Merriott Rovers v Lyme Regis
Perry Street v White Horse
Division One
Forton Rangers v Perry Street Reserves
Ilminster Town Colts v Winsham United 2.30pm
Division Two
Chard United v Drimpton
Shepton Beauchamp v Uplyme 2pm
Division Three
Crewkerne Rangers v Fivehead United
Lyme Bantams v Crewkerne Reserves
Millwey Rise Reserves v Chard Rangers Reserves
Misterton Reserves v Combe A
Division Four
Farway Reserves v Waytown Hounds
Ilminster Town A v Charmouth Res 4.30pm
Thorncombe Reserves v Chard United Reserves

Monday, May 3rd
Jack Venn Cup Final
at Combe St Nicholas FC 6.15pm
Millwey Rise v South Petherton Reserves
Tuesday, May 4th
Premier Division
Merriott Rovers v Beaminster
Division One
Ilminster Town Colts v Forton Rangers
Pymore v Farway United
West & Middle Chinnock v Perry Street Reserves

Lyme Regis Golf

with Steve Percival

Juniors win first leg in Dorset League

LYME Regis Junior team of Scott Love, Jonathan Ebdon, George Seed, David Lyon, George Yorke and Kai To Li played a hard fought contest at home against Dudsbury in the first leg of their Dorset League match.

Top player Scott love knew that, playing off scratch, he had a hard match against the reigning Dorset under 14 champion who had a three shot advantage and, although Scot battled hard he was finally outplayed 3 - 2. Meanwhile Jonathan Ebdon seemed to have an easier match when he went 8up after eight holes.

However, his opponent rallied valiantly to close the difference to a narrow two hole margin at the end. George Seed playing his usual steady round of golf gained a valuable half. David Lyon, at all square after 17 holes, knew that he had to play an exceptional last hole to achieve victory and this he did admirably with a birdie.

Similarly George Yorke achieved a narrow, but vital one hole victory on the last hole.

Last but by no means least Kai To Li also achieved a victory, but by 2 holes to secure a team win of 41/2 to 11/2. Having secured this convincing win hope are high in the team for similar success at Dudsbury on Sunday, May 2nd.

Golfers Fogged off

DESPITE early morning mist, which cleared in time for the start of play, hopes were high for the successful completion of the qualifying round of the annual Andrew Black 4 ball better ball qualifying competition.

However, early optimism was dashed as, halfway through the round of the early starters, the warm moist air from the sea began to settle in the valleys around the Lyme course.

Eventually the mist became thick fog which quickly settled on the higher and most exposed parts of the course.

Eventually, with the visibility rapidly reducing to well less than a safe distance, the event had to be abandoned.

Lyme Regis Ladies *by Ellie Langford*

McMillan Spoon Stableford

BRIGHT sunshine and dry conditions resulted in the ball running on much more than the ladies have been used to in recent weeks. This led to some good scores in Thursday's competition.

Results:

Division One: 1st Jane Andrews 36pts, 2nd Mary Giles 33pts, 3rd Susan Jupp 33pts ocb.
Division Two: 1st Gloria Lott 36pts, 2nd Eva Sewell 35pts, 3rd Monica Frost 35pts ocb.
Division Three: 1st Hanna Jacobsen 39pts, 2nd Alice Hines 38 pts, 3rd Jean Forbes-Harris 37pts.

The winner of the McMillan Spoon, was Hanna Jacobsen who also cut her handicap from 36 to 34, Alice Hines cut her handicap from 33 to 32 and Jean Forbes-Harris from 30 to 29.

The winner of the Nine-hole competition was Doreen Wild with 17pts.

Meanwhile, the Beals Bronze team lost their away match to Wareham by 6 games to 1.

Lyme Regis Bowls

Soggy start for bowlers

with Paul Moffitt

ANOTHER competitive season is now under way and true to form, after nearly three weeks without a drop of rain, the weather managed to bring the game on Sunday to a premature end.

Three friendlies are now in the bag and, so far, Lyme have managed to come out on top on all three occasions.

The trials for the three League sides will take place this week for the men, whilst the Ladies start their encounters in the Edna Paisley League this Monday.

Results:

Lyme 96; Yeovil 90.

Y Moody, B Turpin, D Wood, R Edwards 18-25; K Faragher, H Dowling, P Stephens, John Wells 15-18; C Clissold, T Poyner, J Beadsley, P Moffitt 19-11; A Lole, K Smith, C Bell, G Cozens 18-21; T Coldrick, S Wood, R Moody, K Clissold 26-15.

Lyme 105; Island Bohemians 79.

Y Moody, A Brown, D Wood, Chas Barber 13-17; J Moffitt, S Eaton, R Moody, K Clissold 28-4; S Wood, S Applebee, J Eaton, N Stephens 10-23; B Downes, D Courtenay-Smith, G Cozens, Chris Barber 24-14; D Read, P Stephens, B Smith, K Hickman 14-12; K Smith, S Dowling, J Beadsley, P Moffitt 16-9.

◆ The friendly triples against neighbours Charmouth on Saturday saw

Sporty women....we need you!

DID you know that the fastest growing sport in the country is Women's cricket? There are several good reasons: The England women's team have had phenomenal success over the last few years including regaining the ashes in 2008 and 2009 saw them winning not only the Womens world cup but also the world Twenty20 series. There is also more sponsorship and therefore money in the women's game now which has helped raise its profile.

At the club level, one of the main reasons given by those who are learning about and playing cricket is that it offers a unique blend of fun, fitness, social and team spirit. Phil Gordon team manager for the 'Axe Women' commented: "The women's team was only formed four years ago but they have gone from strength to strength. Winning their league two years ago saw promotion into the Devon 'A' division last year and they are already giving the more experienced teams a good challenge!"

The Axminster Womens cricket team are now looking to further develop their squad this year and are especially looking for more potential players in the 16-40 age group. Phil explains: "The upsurge in media coverage and the fantastic success of 20/20 cricket has seen lots of new junior members into the Axminster cricket club but we have a shortage of more senior players. You don't need to have played before (we are not just looking for experienced players) but if you have ever played and enjoyed either hockey or rounders, then you should find cricket great fun" For those that have a natural flair and ability, we have good contacts at both Somerset and Devon county clubs and already have county players in the Axminster squad.

"At Cloakham we have an excellent team of coaches and support staff who are always keen to teach the basics and then develop your skills. Some people are better at bowling others at batting and everyone can contribute with good fielding skills. If you would like to come along and have a go or just have a chat and watch initially, we can assure you of a very warm welcome. We practice on Tuesdays at 6.30 until 8pm at Cloakham lawns on the chard road outside Axminster".

Please contact Julie or Phil Gordon on 01460 30860 for more information.

Jaffa Asymmetric Regatta to add zest to sailing academy

THE 8th and 9th May will see the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) hosting the first ever Jaffa WPNSA Asymmetric Cup.

Jaffa is one of the most historic and well-known brands of citrus fruit in the UK and they are very excited to be holding their first sailing regatta. The regatta is open to three different class associations; 29er, B14 and Musto Skiff with all classes competing on one race course. The winner will receive the prestigious 'Jaffa Cup' for the very first time as well as a cash prize for the first 29er.

The Regatta is the first stop of many on Jaffa's''Zest for Life Tour 2010.' As part of this tour, Jaffa will also be visiting a variety of UK cities throughout the summer to help promote health, fitness and awareness amongst the younger generation. Jaffa will be present at and supporting various events around the country including the Jaffa WPNSA Asymmetric Cup, beach volleyball events, support of youth engagement programmes and support of Team GB Basketball.

The WPNSA provides the ideal starting location for the Jaffa tour as it allows Jaffa to showcase their sponsorship around the event, having been proud sponsors of the Academy venue for the past two years. The WPNSA is also a centre for youth engagement as it hosts many events for young sailors and up-and-coming sailing talent.

Chris Knight, Business Manager at the WPNSA commented, 'entries are building well for the Jaffa Asymmetric Regatta this May, it will be a great fun weekend at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy with racing across three dynamic classes.'

Entries for this event must be in by May 2nd and can be secured through http://www.sailracer.co.uk/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=46521. It promises to be a fun weekend of sailing on the Games waters and off the water the Jaffa VW Camper Van will be supplying fruit and juices as well as a DJ set up in the dinghy park.

BOB BUCKLER RACING

IS VIRUS THE ROOT OF BUCKLER'S PROBLEM?

THE dismal finish to the season by Bob Buckler's horses at first seemed disappointing considering the good year that the stable has enjoyed *writes Stuart Broom*.

With an almost identical record to last season, the running of his horses in the final two weeks since the Grand National has been much poorer than he would have expected.

However it would now appear that the stable may have a virus. Winter Warmer, who was the last of Buckler's horses to have run, finished last at Fontwell on Thursday and was reported on Sunday to have a runny nose and not be eating up.

"There is definitely a grumbling in the yard," he reported. "Too many have put in sub- standard runs, and with Winter Warmer now appearing to have caught something we will be running blood tests this week to establish if there is a problem."

Buckler had been particularly disappointed with Ethiopia's running in the Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Southwell last Wednesday. Having got up in the final strides to beat Count Boris at Plumpton five weeks earlier Buckler was convinced the 7-year-old would easily beat the field but having led early on he weakened under pressure to finish midfield.

"I thought he was a certainty and so was very disappointed when he failed to quicken, but maybe we now know why."

Both Double or Quitz and Howlin At The Moon had also ran badly for no inexplicable reason earlier in the week giving rise to Buckler's suspicions.

Of his other runners, Sean Thornton having his first run over fences at Fontwell was competing well for the first six fences but then chopped into his front tendon with his back leg which left him tailed off badly at the finish.

"Being his first chase he was jumping very carefully, and I suspect that was the reason for him injuring himself. As you can imagine it is very sore."

The Sawyer put in a very creditable performance in the Irish Daily Mirror Handicap Chase at Punchestown last Wednesday evening but would have been much closer that ninth had he not made one bad mistake down the back straight after heading the race.

"He made a bad error and almost went but recovered and ran a super race," said Buckler who only found out after the race that his charge had been rated differently by the Irish handicapper than his British counterpart.

"He was rated 4lb less in Ireland and was eligible for the Pat Taffe Chase on the Saturday which was over 3 miles. If I had known that I would have probably run him in that against lesser opposition."

With the current season having finished on Saturday, Buckler will be turning most of his horses out for the summer with only a handful who prefer fast ground staying in training.

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

Good finish by battling Bridport

BOTH Bridport teams were looking to finish the season on a high, by winning their final two games against Poole and Alderholt.

The ladies got off to a dreadful start at home to Poole and found themselves 4-0 before Helen Long gave them hope of a revival. However they lost the next two before Elaine Ingram produced a Lady of the Match performance with a 15.82 average but Bridport lost the last game and the match 2-7.

It was a similar story with the men who lost 2-10. Joe Carter and Ben Grainger grabbed a win in the pairs but from then on it was all Poole. The only highlight for Bridport came from Carter with a stunning performance that included a 180 and a lovely 122 match shot for a 3-0 win with an average of 25.05.

The men's chances of avoiding the wooden spoon looked slim in the final match away to last year's champions Alderholt, currently lying second, but they went into it in high spirits.

They were buoyed by wins from Graham Knight and Nigel Druce, and Grainger and Carter in the pairs, but Alderholt won the two opening singles before Knight with a Man of the Match 3-1 winning performance and Druce with a 3-2 victory levelled the scores again at 4-4.

Alderholt won the next two to leave them on the brink of victory but with Grainger producing an outstanding performance to win 3-1 it left Carter needing victory to grab a point. With the whole team shouting encouragement and the adrenalin cursing through his veins, Carter won 3-1 to grab an unexpected point.

Although this was not the men's best season, the team will be looking to take this performance into next year and build again.

The ladies were hoping a win would lift them into the top half of the table and got off to a flier winning all three pairs. Elaine Ingram once again produced a Lady of the Match performance after Alderholt had pulled one back.

Hitting a 19.19 average, six ton plus scores and an 111 game shot she set lifted her side and with Jo Knight and Sally James both grabbing good wins they took the match 6-3 and with it fifth place.

◆ The Superleague annual meeting will be held at the Clockhouse Inn, Chideock on Friday April 30th at 6.15pm. All players interested in playing next season are invited to attend

The Bridport Open will follow the AGM. 7.45pm register for an 8pm kick off.

BRIDPORT SKITTLES LEAGUE

Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, April 26th:

Over 58s – Final

Monday April 26th – Woodman

S. Bulled, N. Pye, J. Scotton, M. Chivers, M. Hansford, J. Brooks, D. Maunder, S. Gale.

Ladies Individual Nomination - Final

Tuesday, April 27th – King Charles

C. Huxter, J. Malcolm, J. Symes, S. Luter, E. Hooper; C. Lambert, M. Hansford, S. Newman.

Mens Pairs – Final

Thursday, April 29th – Loders Arms

R. Pincombe & R. Harp, H. Mills & B. Pitcher, I. Pincombe & D. Cooper, J. Peach & D. Langridge.

Tickets for the Presentation Night (May 21st) are now on sale from the Lord Nelson @ £4 each

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Moth mesmerises Gorge B

WITH no first team fixture last week it was left to Shipton Gorge B to try to keep up the pressure on the top teams. Unfortunately they found Springfield in equally determined mood.

SPRINGFIELD B 21 SHIPTON GORGE B 18

With David Moth and Chris Whitefield collecting nine points each for the home side, Shipton had to graft out points where they could.

John Moseley and Jim Saunders both took Moth to 2-2 but perished in the last game. They took the doubles 3-1 to pick up 14 points between them and David Poole added a further four to take the result close, but overall it was a disappointing outcome.

The remaining games need to be won convincingly to have any chance of winning the division.

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pilgrims	19	14	0	5	433	262	447
Springfield B	20	16	0	4	422	303	438
St Osmunds Sharks	18	14	0	4	415	250	429
SHIPTON GORGE B	18	14	0	4	406	244	420
Springfield C	19	12	0	7	391	312	403
Civil Service C	19	11	0	8	363	318	374
Preston B	19	9	1	9	342	353	351
Colliton B	17	11	0	6	302	299	313
St Osmunds Hawks	16	10	0	6	300	279	310
Dorset Youth Serv	18	4	0	14	286	407	290
Colliton C	19	4	1	14	286	407	290
Preston A	17	2	0	15	250	375	252
St Osmunds Lions	18	3	0	15	203	409	206
Budmouth B	15	1	0	14	130	380	131

Electrical problems put paid to local team's chances

A FAULTY speed limiter may have put paid to the chances of local rally team Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding in the second round of the British Rally Championships last Saturday.

Fifteenth overall in Class C2 from the Bulldog Historic Rally in Wales last month the duo were looking forward to improving their standing in the Pirelli Historic Rally held at Carlisle Racecourse.

However they left the road in their Mk1 Ford Escort on first stage Roughside, and although they managed to get going again, they were defeated by damage to the electrics causing them to retire.

Co-driver Adrian said: "We were 6.5 miles into the 11.6 mile stage when we approached a 90 degree right on the brow of a hill. Unfortunately the turn was too tight and whilst in midair we crashed through a hedge and down a bank.

Fortunately about 40 spectators immediately descended on us and pushed us back up the hill and on to the course again. Damage was only minor to the front corner of the car and we had the engine running again and looked to be off and running albeit three minutes down because of the incident.

"Unfortunately the engine cut out after a few seconds and we couldn't get it started again. We eventually diagnosed a faulty brand new speed limiter that must have got knocked or failed as we landed in the field.

"I rewired it and the car then went like a rocket but unfortunately we were about 17 minutes adrift of a sensible time and so far behind that we retired. It's unlucky, but that's how it goes sometimes."

Rex stood third in the registered driver's championship and Adrian second in the navigator's table after the first stage, but realistically now have no chance of being competitive after such a penalty and will be taking stock as to whether to continue this year.

"It's a very expensive sport and with no chance of being really competitive we will be talking later this week to see if we carry on."

◆ **DARN IT!: Rex and Adrian survey the damage.**

Groover bags 150th in Magpies win

DORCHESTER TOWN 4 MAIDENHEAD UNITED 2
Blue Square South - Attendance: 648
Saturday, April 24th

MATT Groves set Dorchester Town on their way to victory over Maidenhead United with his 150th goal for the Magpies, and helped eradicate last Saturday's dismal showing at Lewes.

Manager Ashley Vickers had asked his side to put that defeat behind them and end the season on a high with a victory, but for the first half hour of the match it looked like both sides had settled for a point in the sunshine that bathed The Avenue.

However Groves goal from the penalty spot was enough to stir both sides into action and although Sam Collins levelled before halftime, it was the Magpies that stole the show in the second half.

After admitting he made mistakes in his team selection against Lewes, Vickers restored a number of his established players for this final match of the season although there seemed little urgency from either side early on.

Kieran Knight had Magpies keeper Regan Coward scrambling across his goal with a drive on five minutes which went wide of the right hand post, before Steve Devlin's powerful header from 15-yards from Nick Crittenden's hooked cross just cleared the angle of the goal frame.

Then on 30 minutes Dorchester were awarded when referee Richard Corp adjudged Jamal Fyfield to have held Jamie Gleeson as he jumped for the ball in the box. Groves stepped forward to drive the ball low to keeper Warren Carter's right hand for his 150th goal in Dorchester colours.

However Maidenhead struck back eight minutes later when a long diagonal ball found a huge hole in the right side of Dorchester's defence allowing Collins to run on and beat Coward at his near post with a slight deflection off the covering Neil Martin.

The visitor had a let-off four minutes from the break when Jack Bradshaw sliced his attempted clearance from Ryan Hill's cross just over his own crossbar.

The visitors started quickest after the interval with Bradshaw glancing a header just wide before Lewis Ochoa curled a free-kick just beyond Coward's right hand post after Kevin Hill had fouled.

Dorchester took the lead on 51 minutes when Ryan Moss picked up a ball played out of defence, flicked it on with his right heel, before firing a vicious diagonal volley across Carter from the corner of the penalty area.

Gleeson then increased their lead just before the hour on his 200th appearance for the Magpies. Steve Devlin's low cross cum shot was collected by Groves, who with his back to goal laid the ball into Gleeson's path and his left foot shot ripped into the roof of the net.

Dorchestr were now well in the ascendancy but Devlin spoilt a good run with a weak shot before Mark Jermyn fired over from 35-yards. Bradley Quamina put Carter in trouble with a weak back header but the keeper just managed to snatch the ball off Devlin.

The Berkshire Magpies got a goal back when subs Bobby Behzadi and Alex Wall combined 14 minutes from time when the former put the latter in with a superb pass, and Wall drove the ball under Coward.

However Carter handed Vicker's charges the win he craved when he inexplicably dropped the ball under the challenge of Moss on the edge of his box, and the striker dribbled round the keeper and rolled the ball home from an acute angle.

The goal brought Moss's total for the season to 13, the same as Groves who had left the field earlier to generous applause.

The win left Dorchester in 17th position in Blue Square South, a good result considering the position they were in at the turn of the year.

Vickers upbeat after final win

MAGPIES manager Ashley Vickers saluted Matt Groves, his players and club officials after Saturday's defeat of Maidenhead, and looked forward to building a side to make an impact in next season's Blue Square South.

Groves scored his 150th goal in Dorchester Town colours from the penalty spot in their 4-2 defeat of the Berskshire side equating to one goal in every three that he has played for the county town side.

"Groover has a knack of scoring goals! He's a thorn in the side of any defence and particularly in the latter part of the seasons showed how well he can retain the ball and bring others into play, as any striker must. His partnership with Ryan Moss has started to pay off. I wanted them to hold the ball up and bring others into play and they both did that on Saturday. I can't praise him enough.

"We're all chuffed he got his 150th goal and you could see that all the players were delighted for him through the celebrations after his goal.

On Moss, whose brace made the two joint goal scorers this season with 13 goals apiece, Vickers said: "I'm really pleased with that. Mossy's a great lad and what a goal his first one was! But that is what he is capable of doing – its confidence, and that is throughout the team this season. It can set the tone for the game."

Reflecting on the match that saw the Magpies finish in 17th place, Vickers added: "I look upon it as a really good game for us as it leaves a lasting memory, especially as we wanted to bounce back from the defeat to Lewes.

"I think that final 90 minutes really defined the last few months of the season for us. The workrate, the endeavour; it epitomised everything the lads have had instilled in them and I am really proud of them.

"It was a poor start, we haven't started as well as we can of late and something we need to address, but Maidenhead are an under achieving side, but the penalty changed it a bit."

Looking forward the manager said: "We can draw a line under this season; it's history now. We've stayed up, which was the aim, and we'll try and crack on next year.

"Finishing where we have is pleasing given the position we were in when things changed hands. The players deserve every credit because they're the ones doing the job on the pitch."

Vickers also praised club officials and all the hard work they had put in to help make the season a success after such a dismal start.

"They have all played their part in putting us where we are and I would like to thank them all."

Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Vickers is already planning for next season, and this week should see some changes to club personnel.

"Three players will be leaving the club, and I will be talking to them this week. I have my eye on certain players but nothing is fixed yet, but I hope to have them aboard by next week."

Bruised Bridport fail to fire

BRIDPORT 0 ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE 0
Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 61

BRIDPORT failed to find the spark to turn almost total possession into goals against a dogged Roman Glass side.

The Bees, with several players carrying injuries from the plethora of recent games, dictated from the start and apart from clearing two back passes, it was 36 minutes before Bees keeper Jamie Fry was required to handle the ball. In contrast Roman's portly gloveman Simon Venn was busy all night using every part of his body to ensure he kept a clean sheet.

Dan Wise went close after picking up Gary Bulman's pass but drove beyond the far post, before Venn's body almost reverberated when Matt Condliffe crashed a shot into his midriff on 20 minutes.

A minute later Wise went close again after Condliffe had been fouled by Matt Hudd on the left hand angle of the penalty are, but his curling free-kick just swung too late at the far post.

Venn then saved Jamie Symes shot with his knees before making a more conventional save by getting down at his right hand post to keep out Condliffe's angled drive.

The nearest they came to a goal in the first period was when Roger Cummings headed on a Gary Bulman effort that had to be cleared off the line by some desperate defending.

It was much the same pattern in the second-half, and Condliffe might have done better when after a strong run from the left passed a couple of visiting defenders, he rolled the ball the wrong side of the post.

Roman Glass gained their first corner on 65 minutes from which Alan Hill blocked Darryl Longhurst's shot after Fry had fumbled the ball.

The Bees continued to create chances; Jamie Symes glancing Wise's cross wide before sub Chris Symes missed the best chance of the match when he blazed his shot from 10-yards well over the bar after Wise's shot had been blocked.

Romans might of snatched it at the death but sub Dave Scott's speculative volley from 40-yards clipped the top of Fry's bar and went over.

This was definitely two points lost in Bridport's quest to wrest 10th spot from Cadbury Heath.

Into the second period, Condliffe's twinkle-toes enabled him to wriggle past several opponents but he could not find the target with just the keeper to beat. With Wise orchestrating proceedings from midfield, the Bees laid siege to the visitors' goal only to find their shooting boots deserting them – Cummings shooting tamely when in acres of space. Substitute Chris Symes then spurned a gift-wrapped opportunity to grab all three points in the dying minutes when he blazed over after Wise's shot had been blocked. Roman Glass had offered nothing in attack all match but nearly snatched the most unlikely of smash-and-grab victories in stoppage time as Dave Scott's 40-yard effort cannoned off the bar.

Although a draw was confirmed, for Bridport it was a case of two points dropped and they will rue this result should their pursuit of a spot in the top half of Toolstation Western League Division One prove fruitless.

Play-off bound Cards too sharp for Terras

WOKING 4 WEYMOUTH 0
Blue Square South - Attendance: 2,137

THE Terras hopes of escaping the Blue Square South 'wooden spoon' evaporated in the sunchine at a packed Kingfield Stadium in the final game of a decidedly troubled season.

The hosts, boosted by a crowd of 2,137 and chasing a victory that would ultimately confirm their position in the divisional play-offs, flew out of the blocks and were ahead inside three minutes when Weymouth keeper Michael Naish dropped Nicky Nicolau's corner kick allowing Craig Falconbrdige to head home at the far post.

Guiseppe Sole added a second ten minutes later when he rounded of a precise five-man move.

The secdond-half saw Naish atone for his earlier error by leaping to tip Moses Ademola's deflected shot round the post.

◆ **150 UP! – Matt Groves (extreme left) slots home Dorchester's first goal from the penalty spot in Saturday's 4-2 win over Maidenhead United. It was the popular striker's 150th goal in Magpies colours.** ***Photo by STUART BROOM***

The pick of the goals came in the 80th minute when Nicolau put the icing on another superb team move by tapping home number three.

An injury-time route-one effort from Ademola rounded the scoring, and the season off for the Terras.

Bees find goalscoring touch

BRIDPORT 4 WESTBURY UNITED 2
Toolstation Division One - Attendance:

BRIDPORT found their shooting boots to score four in an entertaining match that sees them still on course to snatch 10th position in the Toolstation Western League First Division.

Forty-eight hours earlier they had dropped two points against lowly Roman Glass St George which made the game against fourth placed Westbury United, who could have gone third with a victory, even more important.

However there was no lack of goal action this time as Bridport hit them with three goals in the first half, and after Westbury pulled a goal back three minutes from half-time, the Bees immediately struck back to ensure their three goal cushion.

Although Westbury gave Bridport more problems in the second half they could only pulled one goal back.

Senior had to rotate his players once again due to injuries, but the combination worked and they took the lead on 13 minutes when Jamie Symes deftly lobbed a ball down the right channel for Roger Cummings to collect and neatly lob the advancing Westbury keeper Nick Evans from 22 yards.

Dan Wise, once again the catalyst for a lot of the Bees best moves set up the second on 24 minutes, putting Matt Condliffe in down the left wing. The speedy defender who had a terrific game, drilled an angled shot across Evans who couldn't hold it and the ball rolled to Gary Bulman who only had to tap the ball home.

Three minutes later it was three when Condliffe once again wriggled his way along the touchline pssed two defenders but was then unceremoniously dumped on his back by Nick Mead.

Wise, who has been potent from the spot this season, uncharacteristically missed, driving his kick down the middle of the goal. Evans blocked his shot but Wise was on hand to follow up as the ball looped into the air.

Westbury's first assault on the Bees goal was when Wayne Wheeler's corner was met by Dan Kovacs at the far post, but his header back across goal just cleared the angle of the goal frame, and soon after defender Mark Pearce should have done better when he misdirected his header from a Wheeler free-kick wide on the right.

They finally pulled one back three minutes from the break when the dangerous Wheeler was allowed to turn on the edge of the box and Beat Jamie Fry with a shot that went in off the underside of the bar.

Bridport settled their nerves with a fourth just before the break when Wise's diagonal ball into the box found Gary Bulman who beat Evans with a neat lob with the outside of his right foot.

Westbury improved in the second-half and showed their intent when Tom Robinson drove a shot just over the bar. However Cummings had a great chance to put the game beyong their opponents when Condliffe fed the ball into his path 15-yards from goal. However his measured side-footed shot struck the upright and Wise's follow-up was blocked.

Sub Joe Murray cut in from the right to fire a 30-yard shot just over the angle before Wheeler reduced the deficit when he had an easy task after Fry couldn't hold on to a shot.

Fry then had to be at his best as Westbury looked for a late chance to snatch a point when he brilliantly denied Robinson with a point blank save from six-yards following another Wheeler free-kick.

Senior said after the game: "I'm pleased with the result. We played some good football, particularly in the first-half and all the goals came from good moves.

"Saturday's match against Devizes is now very important if we are to finish tenth."

Bees snatch 10th spot with second half salvo

DEVIZES 1 BRIDPORT 3
Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 84

BRIDPORT went into Monday's nights match against Gillingham Town knowing one point will definitely secure tenth spot in the Toolstation Western League First Division. They edged ahead of Cadbury Heath with second-half display at Devizes Town that earned them the points but also a one goal difference through Sam Charles and a brace from Roger Cummings.

They could afford to lose to Gillingham but only by a one goal difference which should maintain their position on goals scored, but Trevor Senior's side will be going out for a win to finish a highly successful season on a high.

Bridport played poorly in the first-half in Wiltshire and the hosts deservedly took the lead on ten minutes when Liam Hill headed Danny Maslim's cross past Jamie Fry.

They might have increased their advantage with both Ben Giles and Rob Mitchell going close, but Bridport survived and began to get back into the game after the interval.Cummings equalised midway through the second period when he fired past Devizes keeper Daryl Sims at the second attempt.

Charles, back from suspension showed he had not lost his goal scoring touch when he held off a defender before shooting home to put the Bees ahead before Cummings secured the points when he finished off a good move between Charles and Martin Bulman.

U10s TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH

BRIDPORT under10s travelled to Stalbridge to take part in the end of season tournament and came back crowned tournament champions. After dominating the group stages the young Bees met Winbourne in the semi-finals, and after, a close game, finished all square at 1-1.

The game was decided on penalties with the Bridport keeper Jordon Scadding saving two and the winning kick being slotted home by Harley Garrett. Bridport then went on to take control in the final and emerged 2-0 winners over Maiden Newton. Bridport's Player-of-the-Tournament was Harley Garrett.

Manager Mark Scadding wished to thank all the players who took part and all travelling supporters.

■ **CHAMPIONS: The Bridport under10s team, with manager Mark Scadding, which returned from Stalbridge as 5-A-Side tournament Champions.**

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RUGBY ROUND-UP with KEITH JENKIN

Top half finish for Dorch - Can Bridport mirror?

SATURDAY was a rather strange occasion as far as local rugby was concerned. The league season was supposed to have come to an end on the weekend before, and it did just that for most clubs, with one or two laggards having to play final catch up fixtures.

The three local clubs were not amongst them however, and Bridport played a final friendly game against the Royal Tank Regiment, while Dorchester took part in a cup semi final on the previous Thursday evening against Corsham, whom they had recently bested in a league game.

BRIDPORT 36pts,
ROYAL TANK REGIMENT 12pts

BRIDPORT'S final game of the 2009/2010 season was rather a strange one, in as much as they started well, finished well, but fell away a little in the middle.

The first 15 minutes saw them play some very good rugby and, before the first quarter had ended, they had scored three converted tries without reply.

Their play then fell away rather and the visitors got a converted try back to take the interval score to 21-7 in home favour.

RTR narrowed the gap still further early in the second half with a second try, unconverted this time, before Bridport's final flourish took them well clear by the whistle for no side.

Bridport's tries came from Jack Guylor (two), Matt Poune, and Rob Sullivan. Man of the Match Wes Lewis, apart from scoring a try himself, kicked four conversions and a penalty goal to complete the scoring.

SEASON REVIEW

HAD DORCHESTER been offered their final league position way back at the start of their campaign, they would have clinched the deal with alacrity, shaken hands and walked away.

They, in all probability, would have resumed their place in the Southern Counties League (South) after a year's absence with some diffidence, for the difference in the standard between it and the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) is quite marked.

As it was they started well and led the division for a time during the autumn. Unbeknown to them they had faced the lesser teams in the division and were subsequently bested by those pushing for promotion.

They held their form together well however, and, in spite of injuries to one or two influential players ended the season in the top half of the division; a position with which they should be eminently satisfied and from which they can go on next season.

BRIDPORT proved themselves to be the best side in the Dorset & Wilts league Division One (South) and, in spite of one or two lapses, became champions with a couple of games to spare.

They certainly played attractive rugby on the occasions that I watched them, but will have to raise their performance a couple of notches if they are to follow Dorchester and make their mark in the Southern Counties Division next season.

Much will depend on how their squad copes with the rigours of the higher standard of play as regards injuries, for it is not as big as they would like.

Something that will concern them is the performance of their second side. Having started the season as front runners in Division Two (South), their performance fell away and they struggled to end the season in the division's mid table.

WEYMOUTH remain a bit of an enigma as far as I am concerned for, while they have played good rugby on the occasions that I have watched them, I feel that they really should be better than their results show them to be, week in week out.

I really don't know the reason for this. Their pack will give anyone a game. They have a useful midfield and some pace out wide.

They will point out that they finished the season in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One's second place, but my thought remains.

Perhaps one of the reasons is their lack of strength in depth, for their second side lies in the bottom half of the league's third division.

It certainly grabbed a couple of decisive wins at the end of the season however, so perhaps it can go on from there in September next.

The season has come to an end. Abrasions can be allowed to heal and Saturdays can become a day of rest.

The respite is only temporary however for, in four short months, we will all be daft enough to start doing it all over again. I expect to see you then.

Dorset County Cricket Club

WEATHER INTERVENES WITH GAME IN THE BALANCE

Minor Counties Knock-out Trophy
Group Three - at Dunstable.
Hertfordshire (1pt) 121 all out
drew with Dorset (1pt) 10 for 2.

A USEFUL performance from the Dorset county bowling attack counted for little as bad light followed by rain caused the abandonment of the season's opener at Hertfordshire.

Dorset skipper Tom Hicks won the toss and inserted the hosts - but the murky conditions and rain forced a delayed start.

When played did eventually get underway at 1pm strike bowler Rich Banham was quickly amongst the wickets cleaning up Will Jones in the first over of the match with just four on the board. Banham then ended a 27-run second wicket partnership castled Southgate with the score on 31.

The next six wickets then fell at regular intervals to leave the hosts tottering at 79-8.

The only Hertfordshire batsman to truly cope with the conditions was Nick Walker who cracked a 64-ball half-century containing six boundaries.

Walker was last man out when he was caught by Darren Cowley off Hicks but not before he had contributed to useful 9th wicket partnership with White (7) of 40.

Chasing down a modest 122 off a rain-reduced 43 overs, Dorset struggled from the off as White produced a daisy cutter to remove Glyn Treagus (7) before having Nick Park snapped up second ball by Ballard for a duck.

But another deluge ended the reply and the match with just 45 balls bowled.

The result and subsequent one point apiece leaves Dorset trailing league leaders Bedfordshire - the vistors to the Recreation Ground, Dorchester on Sunday (11am start).

HERTFORDSHIRE CCC

J.Hewitt c Hicks b Taylor	23
W.Jones b Banham	0
J.Southgate b Banham	10
E.Ballard b Warren	1
B.Frazer c Jones b Warren	8
N.Walker c Cowley b Hicks	51
A.Lewis* b Denham	4
N.Lamb c C.Park b Denham	0
W.Rudge c C.Park b Warren	2
S.White b Treagus	7
S.Greenhall+ not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 8, b 1, lb 4)	15
Total (37.2 overs) 121 all out	

FoW: 4-1, 2-31, 3-44, 4-50, 5-62, 6-72, 7-74, 8-79, 9-119, 10-121.

Bowling: R. Banham: 8-0-34-2, D. Taylor: 9-1-32-1, P. Warren: 9-1-35-3, E. Denham: 7-1-9-2, T. Hicks: 2.2-0-5-1, G. Treagus: 2-1-1-1.

DORSET CCC

G.Treagus b White	7
N.Park c Ballard b White	0
C.Jones not out	2
D.Taylor not out	0
Extras (1w)	
Total (7.3 overs) 10 for 2	

Did not bat: C. Park+, D. Cowley, T. Hicks*, C. Morgan, E. denham, R. Banham, P. Warren.

Bowling: W. Rudge: 4-1-8-0, S. White: 3.3-1-2-2.

Hat-trick for Charmouth

◆ **FINALISTS ALL: The players from Charmouth Badminston club who competed in the Knock-out tournamenst Final held in Yeovil last weekend.From Left to Right: Aiden Bagg, John Selby, Sarah Lamb, Matthew Dale, Trish Evans, Colin Chainey, Judy Dale, Ian Usherwood,, Margaret Bowditch, Carol Pearson, Dee Trott, John Armstrong, Gill Bullock, Eric Samways, Sari Brice, Sandy Sheldon, Lester Cawley, Nigel Fowler.**

by *Eric Samways*

IT was virtually a Club night at the Knock-out Tournament Final of the Tony Pryce West Dorset Badminton League.

All three of Charmouth Badminton Club's teams made it through to the Finals of the Cup and Plate Tournament matches - played at Westlands Leisure Centre, Yeovil on Saturday evening 24th April.

Throughout the season Charmouth 1sts and Charmouth 3rds had avoided each other in the draws and finally came face-to-face in the Final.

After Handicapping points were given to the scores Charmouth 3rds won by 27 points.

Charmouth 2nds were knocked out in the first round by Charmouth 1sts but with automatic entry into the Plate Tournament went on to reach the final and played a local-derby against Bridport.

After handicapping Charmouth 2nds were runners- up to Bridport losing by 18 points.

A very enjoyable evening - and not only congratulations to the teams - but also a well done to the Handicappers for getting such close, entertaining finishes over the 18 games.

Standing tall

◆ **THEY SHALL NOT PASS: NETHERBURY'S dead-ball expert Dan Rawlings drives a free-kick at the Lyme Regis Reserves' defensive wall during Saturday's Arthur Gage Cup semi-final. The Seasders' defence kept the ball out and and the team booked a place in the Final against Perry Street Reserves at Axminster on May 7th** ***Photo HOWARD LARCOMBE***

BRIDPORT SKITTLES LEAGUES

MENS A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	14	24
Wanderers	13	24
Rockets	15	21
Rough Eight	15	18
Slingers	15	18
Chimps	17	15
Outsiders	16	12
The Masters	15	10
Nelson Nobblers	15	8
Rejects	16	8
U Know the Bl	13	6

MENS B	Pld	Pts
Broadoak	16	20
Cupid Stunts	17	20
Lively Lads	15	20
Dingbats	16	18
Smithy's Boys	15	18
LHS	17	16
NBC	16	16
Groundhogs	15	15
Swimming Club	15	13
Miss the Ball	14	8
Alligators	14	6

MENS C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	16	21
Pioneers	16	20
Bulldogs	14	18
Puncknowle Rds	15	18
2012 Olympics	16	16
Crazy Gang	16	15
Aussies Lot	13	14
Bulldozers	16	14
Spoofers	16	14
Friars Folleys	15	12
Pin Seekers	17	10

MENS D	Pld	Pts
RIP	16	25
Denhay Farm	16	22
The Dingles	17	21
Firemen	16	15
Not Survivors	15	15
Castouts	16	14
Countrymen	17	14
Originals	17	14
Seconds Out	16	14
Mean Machine	16	12
Whiskey Chasers	16	12

MENS E	Pld	Pts
Strawpeedoes	14	22
Monty's Gang	14	19
AFAR	12	18
Featherbeds	15	17
Bangers	14	16
Alcoholics	14	13
Unknowns	13	9
Master Baiters	10	8
Robs Rebels	14	8
Offcuts	14	4

LADIES A	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	11	14
Brandy Snaps	10	12
Busy Bee	8	12
Alleycats	10	10
Ginger-Gales	8	10
Hidden Talent	10	8
Bad Girls	9	6
Pinbashers	6	0

LADIES B	Pld	Pts
Cuckoo's	10	17
No Problem	11	16
Undecided	9	15
Highly Unlikely	10	10
12 Pins	10	7
Jam Tarts	9	4
The Loozers	7	0

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ELIZABETH'S EFFORTS REWARDED

Dorset County FA recognise Bees' club stalwart's 31 years of hard work

ELIZABETH WRIGHT has been supporting Bridport Football Club for over 30 years, not just as a fan but by working for the club in many capacities.

Her dedication was rewarded when she was adjudged Dorset County FA's Volunteer of the Year at their headquarters at Hamworthy last Thursday as part of the FA Charter Standard Club Community Awards 2010.

The award was made by the President of Dorset County FA, Spencer Miles, who lives in Bridport and was a member of the Bees committee for number of years.

In a short speech Mr Miles said: "Liz, the Association are privileged to honour you tonight with the Special Achievement Award because the service that you have given to Bridport FC epitomises the value of a loyal volunteer to any football club.

"Since 1985, 25 years ago you have been a tireless fund raiser for the club and you have become well known throughout the County for your match day raffles. Your routine on a match day involves buying the prizes, wheeling the prizes the half mile journey to the ground in your trolley, selling the tickets around the ground and undertaking the draw at half time – whatever the weather the draw always takes place. Besides organising the draw you have supported Bridport FC in numerous ways including washing the kit for some 31 years, the only charge being the cost of the washing powder.

A tremendous amount of time and effort has been given to help Bridport FC: through running the raffles you have single handlely raised the sum of £37,000. DCFA are delighted to award you the Special Achievement Award."

Afterwards he said: "I think it is great that Elizabeth has won the award. Through my association with the club in the past and as a member of the Dorset County FA I have seen how hard she works, and the award is fully justified.

"Every club needs people volunteers like Elizabeth to keep them going and she has done a splendid job."

Bridport Football Club Chairman Adrian Scadding added: "On behalf of the club I would like to thank Elizabeth for all her hard work, she really has done a sterling job. Clubs at our level thrive because of people like Elizabeth, and she is so dependable. The award is splendid recognition."

Elizabeth was surprised but overjoyed at the award. "It's fantastic. I'm so chuffed and being nominated shows how much you have been appreciated.

"Doing my bit for the club has been fun and hopefully I have helped in some way."

Elizabeth who now washes just the reserves kit added: "I'll be there again next season!"

CONGRATULATIONS

◆ **STERLING WORK: Elizabeth Wright receives her award from Spencer Miles, President of Dorset County FA**

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